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Indictment unveils complex birth tourism business web

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An alleged overstaying Chinese tourist has been indicted for allegedly operating an unlicensed business that offered trip packages to the Commonwealth for pregnant Chinese women seeking to give birth on U.S. soil.

Sen Sun, also known as Sam Sun, allegedly charged each client upwards of $15,000 for services that include providing round-the-clock caregivers who were or are unauthorized to work, according to an indictment filed with the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday.

» Trip packages for pregnant women include illegal caregivers

The indictment charged Sun with harboring illegal aliens, unlawfully employing aliens, and money laundering.

According to the indictment filed by assistant U.S. attorney Eric S.

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Deleon Guerrero

A week after former Education commissioner Cynthia I. Deleon Guerrero was terminated from her post, the Public School System board made sure that all legal rights owed her as prescribed by the CNMI Constitution

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres joins Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion and other CNMI officials in a meeting with Delta Air Lines executives in Tokyo.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Torres: Delta remains committed to Marianas

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion announced yesterday that Delta Air Lines will remain committed to serving the CNMI.

After meeting with President Donald J. Trump in Honolulu over the weekend, Torres joined the MVA team in Tokyo for a meeting with Delta Air Lines executives.

Delta Air Lines has already indicated in a recent statement that it will be formally ending its Guam service effective Jan. 8, 2018.

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Parongan

Probable cause found in murder charge vs Parongan

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Probable cause has been found for murder charges to move forward against Alfonso Sebastian Parongan.

At a preliminary hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho said there is probable cause to believe that Parongan may have committed the knife attack that killed a woman and injured her husband in Chalan Kanoa.

Parongan faces charges of first-degree murder, attempted second-degree murder, and assault with a

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Over 1,000 NMI veterans honored this November

Military servicemen as well as members of the Legislature surround acting governor Victor B. Hocog, center, after he signed two proclamations yesterday, honoring veterans. ERWIN ENCINARES

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Over 1,000 veterans from the CNMI will be honored with veterans from the U.S. mainland and current members of the U.S. military and their families, as the CNMI marks Veterans Week and the Military Families Month.

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog signed two proclamations yesterday declaring Nov. 6 to 11 as CNMI Veterans Week and November 2017 as Military Families Month. Both proclamations honor current and former U.S. military servicemen.

"…I humbly extend our sincere appreciation to all our veterans for their dedication and hard work for the time that [they] were [at the frontlines] trying to protect our freedom and restore our democracy throughout the nation," said Hocog, adding that he and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres share the same sentiment.

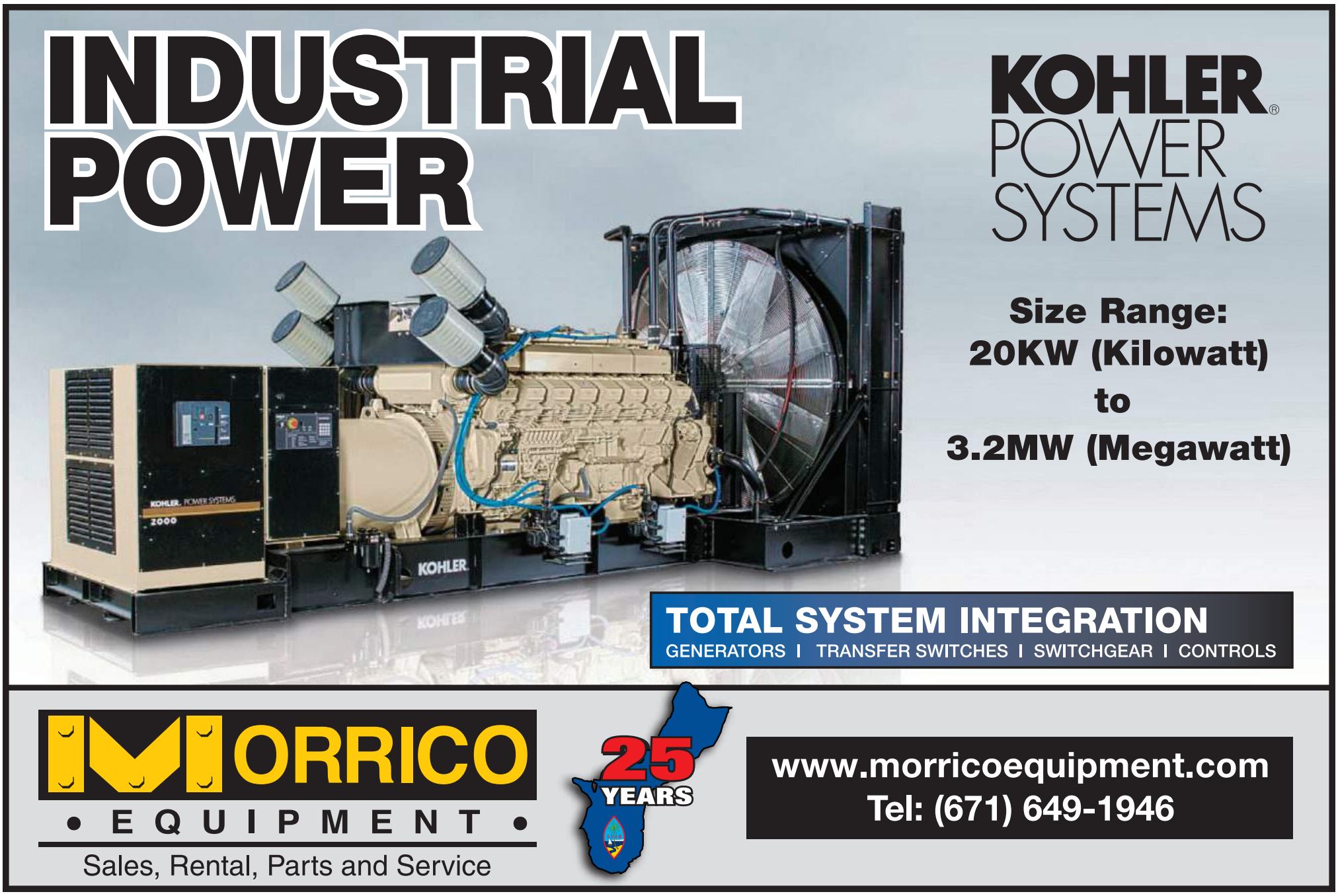
Veterans of Foreign Wars Saipan Post 3457 commander Brad Ruszala said yesterday the proclamation makes veterans "feel appreciated."

"[The proclamation] is just something that makes us proud and appreciated, which is something we never ask for. It makes us feel pretty special when things like this happens," he said.

Ruszala added that anybody who serves the country do not "sign up for the recognition."

According to Veteran's Affairs Office executive director Oscar Torres, the proclamation recognizes veterans' efforts and "it is equally fitting to recognize [the families] as well."

CNMI Veterans Week spans from Nov. 6 to 11, 2017.



Make-A-Wish hands out over $11K in prizes

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The Make-A-Wish Foundation hosted its 5th Annual Black Tie and Zories fundraiser last Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan and awarded over $11,000 worth of prizes to five raffle winners.

Proceeds will be used to fund the wishes of children who are battling life-threatening illnesses.

According to Annie Gayle, Make-A-Wish Guam and Saipan chapter chairwoman, the foundation has managed to grant 275 wishes on Guam and Saipan for the past 29 years.

Although the children who are granted wishes are suffering critical illnesses, their capability to imagine remains and sustains the foundation's mission to bring their imagination into reality, said Make-A-Wish Guam and Saipan chapter president Eric Tydingco.

"We can't help them medically, but what we can, with your help, give them hope, strength, and joy to imagine what it would be like to have an everyday childhood, at least for a brief moment," he said.

The eligibility of a child to make a wish does not depend on the social and financial status of the children's parents. Children eligible to get their wish granted don't have to be terminally ill.

Five raffle packages worth a combined total of over $11,000 highlighted Saturday's event.

The first bundle was awarded to Mihir Rout, who was awarded over $3,000 worth of prizes that included two bicycles, a child's helmet, a Seatouch tour session, a yearlong gym membership, a Sky Dive Saipan trip, and a gift certificate to The Shack.

The second prize bundle was awarded to Jim Arenovski worth over $1,600 that included Budweiser merchandise, a Kate Spade backpack, a Thanksgiving package, and gift certificates for numerous restaurants.

The third prize bundle was awarded to Chris Nelson, earning him a Michael Kors tote, a night stay and buffet at Kanoa Resort Saipan, gift certificates to different restaurants, and a Seiko wristwatch. The bundle was worth over $1,300.

The fourth prize bundle worth over $1,700 was won by Annie Gayle and consisted of a Michael Kors satchel, gift certificates for Hyatt Regency Saipan, an assortment of liquor, gift certificates to different restaurants, and a pair of Michael Kors sunglasses.

The last bundle, worth over $3,000, was awarded to Joyce Santos, and included a Google Pixel phone with a plan paid for three months, a two-night stay at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and assorted liquor.

The title for Best Zorie was awarded to Jay Santos and Tina Goodwin for their unique pair of slippers. Both got prize bundles.

The evening's program included live music by Bridge Capital's CNMI Got Talent past winners like the Marianas High School Rhythm & Harmony and brother-and-sister vocalists Emily Faye and Lawrence Tubera.

Wish child Kei'Ani Hofschneider was the honored guest at the event. She attended the Wish Night with her mother, Sirena Santos, cousin Angelina Pangelinan, and aunt Fabian Pangelinan.

The foundation will grant Kei'ani's wish in December when she travels with her parents and cousin Angelina Pangelinan to Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

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Flags flown at half-staff

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog directed yesterday that all U.S. and CNMI flags be flown at half-staff in the wake of yesterday's shooting tragedy in Texas.

The half-staff was proclaimed as a "mark of respect for the victims" of a shooting that is described by the Torres administration as a "senseless act of violence."

According to CNN, at least 26 people were killed and 20 were wounded in the Sutherland Springs, Texas shooting last Sunday. CNN cites San Antonio, Texas authorities and described a 26-year-old white male named Devin Patrick Kelley as the shooter.

Kelley carried with him a Ruger AR-553, which is a military-grade weapon. He was later reportedly found dead in a vehicle after being chased by a resident. Authorities have not confirmed whether Kelley's wounds were self-inflicted or a result of the citizen shooting the suspect.

U.S. and CNMI flags will be flown at half-staff in all public buildings and grounds, military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the federal government throughout the U.S. and its territories from Nov. 5, 2017 to Nov. 9, 2017.

President Trump also directed U.S. embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including military facilities and naval vessels and stations follow suit with the half-staff order. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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dangerous weapon.

Camacho, however, found no probable cause to believe that the crime of second-degree murder was committed because it is a lesser-included offense in the first-degree murder charge. The second-degree murder charge was dismissed.

Arraignment will be on Nov. 13, 2017, before Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja.

On the witness stand, police detective Buddy Salas Igitol talked about the police investigation and interview with the 55-year-old Parongan, who allegedly admitted attacking the couple with a kitchen knife in the evening of Oct. 29, 2017.

Igitol said a police officer recovered the knife on the ground near a jungle area where Parongan tried to hide after the attack.

The detective said that Parongan, who was also taken to the hospital, was soaked in urine, had bloodstains, and was unclear in his response to questions.

In an interview with Parongan the following morning, he allegedly told detectives that he had smoked methamphetamine six times and drank 12 cans of beer on the day of the incident.

Josefina Pineda, 53, suffered multiple stab wounds, including a fatal 4-inch slash in the neck, according to Igitol.

Her husband, Antonio Barit, 62, sustained 12 injuries to the head, upper body, and right arm.

Pineda was allegedly trying to collect house rental from Parongan at that time.

Assistant attorney general Teri C. Tenorio and chief prosecutor Michele Harris appeared for the government at the hearing. Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski served as counsel for Parongan.

Assistant attorney general Teri C. Tenorio talks with police detective Buddy S. Igitol as other police officers sit on a bench outside the courtroom of Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho shortly before the start of the preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon in the case against murder suspect Alfonso Sebastian Parongan.

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"I am proud to report that Delta remains committed to the CNMI. They have chosen to maintain their Narita-Saipan route as they see potential for growth with the economic development happening in the CNMI. They noted the several new hotel properties and the integrated casino resort set to open in the coming years. Chris and I reiterated our support for Delta, and we thanked them for their 28 years of service to the CNMI. We are very grateful for this continued partnership. This marks another milestone in the historic and cultural relationship between the Marianas and Japan," Torres said.

Discussions during the Tokyo meeting included regional issues affecting travel, such as the increased competition from other destinations and the North Korea threat, Concepcion said.

"Delta brought up valid concerns surrounding the Asia-Pacific region, and we assured them that the Marianas stands committed to ensuring that it remains a safe and enjoyable destination. We talked about the possibilities for cargo service from Saipan to Japan, joint cooperative promotions between MVA and Delta, as well as the new aircraft Delta launched to Saipan beginning on Nov. 5 with 24 additional seats per day. We also discussed the possibility of flights from Osaka and Nagoya and other major cities in Japan to Saipan in the future should the demand increase," Concepcion said.

Concepcion added that the CNMI will continue to give Delta Air Lines and the overall Japan market the support it needs to be successful.

"We realize the Japan market has been struggling the last several years, and we acknowledge that it is an uphill battle to bring arrival numbers back to acceptable levels. We assured Delta that our commitment to them is as solid as it has been for the past 28 years. We look forward to helping them grow their business in the CNMI for the next 28 years and beyond," Concepcion added. ***(PR)***

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were given accordingly.

According to Board of Education chair Marylou Ada, the CNMI Constitution empowers the BOE to hire and fire the PSS commissioner.

"Everything was done according to applicable laws of the Commonwealth, according to her contract, and according to our Human Resources Office policies and procedures. What this means is there were no personal biases that entered into the decisions," Ada said.

The BOE is authorized by law to terminate an employee only in two instances—under "just causes" or "at will."

Deleon Guerrero was terminated at will after the board conducted an evaluation of her employment.

"The facts that we used as basis speaks for itself as there was no politicking, no prejudice, [it was] not malicious and not arbitrary," Ada added.

The process that led to Deleon Guerrero's termination is similar to a regular organization or corporation where employees undergo evaluations every year and the results could either continue or discontinue employment.

"The commissioner is different and, as the head of the entire organization, she was treated very cautiously so her evaluation was stricter and structured versus anybody who is just a regular employee," Ada said.

"We worked for two days and we are not hiding anything because notice of her evaluation was out in the papers. We gave her a courtesy notice and it was publicly announced so the board was transparent," she added.

Ada said two special board meetings were held that facilitated Deleon Guerrero's evaluation and termination.

The first was held last Oct. 25 at the BOE building on Capital Hill. The notice of this meeting was publicly announced in the newspapers as an executive meeting.

Ada said it was an executive session because a lot of the things in the agenda were confidential, such that even Deleon Guerrero was not asked to join in.

"Since this was an evaluation, we discussed if the goals and objectives we have (PSS board) ties with her and what has she done within the year. It was a working session where the board will get together and fine-tune the evaluation process and look at all the things that she has done.

"We believe in freedom of thought and that some things should be kept private because it does affect the person involved. Most of the dialogue we had were mostly personnel matters and should not be open," she said.

Ada said a second meeting was needed as Rota board member Herman Atalig was not present at the Oct. 25 meeting.

"After that meeting, we felt that we had enough information based on the totality of the data and evidence on hand plus all the discussions. There were four members present in that meeting and by law, it only takes three board members to vote and terminate the commissioner. We could've voted already but we wanted to give respect and an opportunity to hear from our colleague from Rota.

"So we scheduled another meeting on Monday, the 30th, which was an open forum and that gave us a chance to hear Atalig. Notice was published in the newspaper on the 27th, Friday, where it stated that one of the agenda was the discussion on the 'reinstatement of COE,"' she added.

The public notice of the Oct. 30 BOE special board meeting was published on *Saipan Tribune* on Oct. 27, 2017, and stated "Retention of COE."

According to Ada, Deleon Guerrero had notice of the second meeting and "that should give you a warning that your job is on the line." She added that the commissioner's travel to Hawaii where she was set to leave Oct. 29 was pre-approved and planned.

"We did not sign and allow her travel to let her go. It was signed prior to all of this and we didn't know it was going to move this fast. Every step of the way, we let her know what was going on."

"So she had a chance to be heard. She had notice that we were going to have a public meeting but she went ahead on her trip…that could raise anything like 'My future's at stake, I should stay back.'"

Deleon Guerrero's termination was effective Nov. 5, 2017. The acting COE is Glen Muña.

"Glen Muña is very capable and he will sit in as acting BOE until we hire a new one to fill the post. In the meantime, continuity is very critical in any organization. At PSS, we have to make sure we are not distracted by all these things that are happening," Ada said.

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O'Malley, Sun entered the CNMI as a tourist on Jan. 8, 2014, under a status known as "conditional parole"—a U.S. Department of Homeland Security program that allows Chinese citizens to enter the CNMI temporarily without an advance visa.

The conditional parole allowed Sun to remain in the CNMI for 21 days for tourism. The permit did not authorize him to work or to start a business in the CNMI. His parole expired on Jan. 29, 2014.

It was around January 2017 that Sun began operating his trip package business, O'Malley said in the indictment.

As part of the package, Sun allegedly arranged or facilitated, among other things, transportation to and from the CNMI, transportation within the CNMI, food and accommodations, medical services via licensed clinic, and filing documents necessary to obtain U.S. passports for the newborn children.

O'Malley said the trip packages also included round-the-clock attendants or "caregivers" who would perform services for the client, such as grocery shopping, cooking, cleaning, and basic care of the mothers and newborn infants.

The prosecutor said Sun required his clients to bring at least $15,000 with them from China, which they would then pay to him directly, in cash, upon their arrival in the CNMI.

At any given time, Sun allegedly employed up to 30 caregivers, some if not all of whom were Chinese nationals with conditional paroles.

O'Malley said that none of the caregivers were authorized to work and some, if not all of them, stayed beyond the expiration of their conditional paroles.

While working for Sun, the caregivers allegedly lived with the clients in housing he provided. Their accommodations, food, wages, and other payments came directly from funds obtained by Sun from his Chinese clients.

O'Malley said that beginning on Jan. 3, 2017, and until Nov. 3, 2017, Sun hired aliens despite knowing they were not authorized to work.

The U.S government seeks to forfeit Sun's assets or money.

Children born in the Commonwealth automatically obtain U.S. citizenship.

Kilili bill adds $42.5 million to extend E-NAP

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has introduced legislation that adds $42.5 million to the Enhanced-Nutrition Assistance Program, or E-NAP.

E-NAP began in June and made more Marianas households eligible for food stamps and increased monthly benefits. Sablan's bill, H.R. 4216, extends the program through 2023.

"Long-term, our goal is equal treatment with the rest of America by inclusion in SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program," said Sablan. "The $32.5 million we added in the Agricultural Act of 2014 that has made E-NAP possible was a step in the right direction. Extending E-NAP for another five years keeps us on track to reaching our goal."

E-NAP allows people with higher incomes to qualify for food assistance. A total of 314 households have been added so far, representing about 1,034 individuals.

"The increase has been gradual," Sablan said. "Seventy-one new households joined in June, another 91 in July, 87 in August, and 75 in September.

"As the word gets out, people who do not think they would be eligible will step forward to apply.

Still, the number of households that signed up for E-NAP is fewer than expected, when initial projections for use of Sablan's Agricultural Act funding were submitted by the Commonwealth's Nutrition Assistance Program office.

"It may be that the improved economy simply means that fewer people need the help," said Sablan. "But it could also be that families have not heard that there are new income standards and those who may not have been eligible before may now be able to get this extra assistance buying food."

"People should check with the NAP office to be sure," he added.

In addition to making households at higher income levels eligible, E-NAP has also raised benefits. For a household of four on Saipan, benefits have gone up from $515 per month to $686. On Tinian, the increase was from $568 to $744. On Rota, benefits went from $719 to $897.

Tinian and Rota have received higher benefits than Saipan since 2014. Advocacy by Sablan and data gathering on the higher cost of food on Tinian and Rota by the Commonwealth NAP convinced the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow different benefit levels on each island.

"At $897 per month, Rota households are getting close to the SNAP benefit that people on Guam receive," explained Sablan. "But we are not there yet—neither in terms of benefits nor in the income thresholds that SNAP provides.

"That is why I have introduced legislation that will at least continue the Northern Marianas at the current level of funding through 2023," he said.

"And as the new computerized eligibility system comes online, followed in 2018 by the replacement of paper food stamps with electronic debit cards and other improvements that the money from the 2014 Agricultural Act makes possible, then we may be able to convince the Secretary of Agriculture that the Marianas is ready for SNAP even before 2023." ***(PR)***

Torres signs 4 bills into law; disapproves 1

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed the following bills into law:

■ House Bill 20-66, which eliminates the condition that mandatory drug testing is subject to the availability of funds. This bill becomes Public Law 20-24.

■ House Bill 20-20, which provides veterans a discounted benefit for the vehicle registration fee. This bill becomes Public Law 20-25.

■ Senate Bill 20-15, which establishes a regent nominating committee process in the selection and appointment of regents to the Northern Marianas College board. This bill becomes Public Law 20-26.

■ House Local Bill 20-41, which appropriates $9,336 of the funds allotted to Tinian under Public Law 18-30 to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for personnel, operations, and local programs. This bill becomes Tinian Local Law 20-06.

On Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017, Torres disapproved House Bill 20-63, HS1, which would have required test firing of all firearms as a prerequisite for registration of a firearm. ***(PR)***

2 divers rescued off Guam beach

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A couple who went diving off a Guam beach said they're lucky to be alive after a rip current sent them into deeper waters, requiring rescue.

Kenneth Hunt and Angela Wong Hunt, who are intermediate divers, went to a spot off Gun Beach on Halloween. The couple began diving last year, and they had visited the same spot just the day before, the Pacific Daily News reported .

After diving for about an hour that afternoon, the water conditions rapidly changed. The tide became high, and the wind had picked up.

"Unfortunately, I got sucked in the middle of rip currents and was tossed around like a cork in the smashing waves," Angela Wong Hunt said.

The current caused her to become disoriented, and it moved the two farther into the ocean. The husband and wife were able to reunite on the surface, and their training kicked in.

Kenneth Hunt inflated the orange signaling device, and the two swam parallel to the shore. They were about 800 yards (730 meters) from the beach, he said.

About 20 minutes later, they saw a man in front of a beach bar waving at them. A bartender saw the two and contacted the Guam Fire Department.

Rescuers pulled the two safely out of the water.

"Even though they said this is just part of their daily routine in the fire department team, everything they've done means a lot to us," Angela Hunt said. "I am so grateful we have guardian angels like them watching out for our beautiful island."

Kenneth Hunt said that while the experience had shaken them, they plan to continue diving.

Fiji to highlight Pacific climate difficulties at Germany summit

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Fiji will preside over a U.N. climate change summit in Bonn, Germany, that begins on Monday.

Fiji and other Pacific island nations are particularly vulnerable to rising seas and changing weather and want the world to understand their plight. While Fiji doesn't face an existential threat like some of its Pacific neighbors, it is already battling the effects of climate change.

The gathered governments, scientists and industry groups in Germany are trying to hammer out technical rules on monitoring emissions, after the historic Paris climate accord to mitigate global warming came into effect last year.

But the accord was dealt a blow this year when President Donald Trump said he'd withdraw the U.S. Other countries have pledged to press on regardless.

Hofschneider: Tinian airfield brings several benefits

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A Tinian senator is enthusiastic over what he described as anticipated benefits associated with the establishment of a divert airfield for the U.S. Air Force on Tinian.

Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) told *Saipan Tribune* that basing off his meeting with the deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense last Oct. 31, 2017, Tinian would get numerous benefits, including increased economic activity, infrastructure improvements, and agricultural support.

Hofschneider said the U.S. military would require additional land it would lease from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. That's not including the "potential contribution" to infrastructural improvements at the Tinian airport, which allows CPA to obtain monthly lease payments as well as a large relief for airport improvements, he said.

The Tinian municipality, Hofschneider said, will submit a listing of roads that needs pavement and rehabilitation according to priorities set by the municipality, including details of the solid waste development plan and its operation.

Hofschneider

Third, the divert project requires water wells.

"Once construction [of the wells are] done, these wells may be utilized by CPA [and could be used for] distribution to the surrounding grazing activities on the island," said Hofschneider.

"[The Tinian divert airfield] will be another economic benefit besides tourism and the gaming industry. Diversity is a good thing for the CNMI's economy, as it creates stability as well as potentially attracting other business opportunities that can complement what we have now and for the future," he added.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres stated in a previous interview that Tinian's goals would be reached.

"We have committed to the [Department of Defense] that this is going to be a long-term relationship and I believe I have seen real commitment from the DOD. I believe that the negotiation was achieved and that this is the right time for us to move forward on the airport layout plan," said Torres.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) said it was always his position that any activity impacting Tinian should also include "tangible positive benefits to the people who will be directly impacted, which is the community here."

"I wish CPA and the DOD a successful negotiation process in the coming months and look forward to a mutually beneficial agreement for the Commonwealth, the U.S. Air Force, and most especially the people of Tinian," he said.

The CPA board unanimously approved in a meeting last Tuesday the USAF's proposed airport layout plan, or ALP, and also allowed divert training activities and exercises on Tinian.

"…This signals the beginning of the details of the plans for the construction of the divert airfield," said Hofschneider, adding that the CPA decision to approve the ALP was a "key component" in the development.

The Tinian divert airfield project proposes to set up an alternative landing site for U.S. Air Force planes in case the Anderson Air Force Base airfield in Guam is not available due to war or disaster.

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Saipan SDA School 1Q principal's, honor list

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4	Hoo Wang
5	Gwanpil Son
6	Annamarie Devey

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1	Sharon Li
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4	Peter John White
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5	Rigel Devey
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8	Mateo Maldonado
8	Keiph Manuel
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Kilili thanks governor for support of HR 339

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan released last Nov. 1 his letter of thanks to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for the governor's support of Sablan's bill, H.R. 339, increasing the number of CW permits available for the Marianas in 2017.

The legislation was signed into law by President Donald Trump in August.

The new Public Law 115-53 also blocks the use of CW permits for new construction work to protect local businesses unable to renew their legacy workers. Sablan's law adds extra money for training local workers.

"It was not easy to get a bill dealing with foreign labor issues enacted in this Congress," Sablan wrote the governor. "Your letter of support for the legislation and your participation in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing in April contributed significantly to our success."

Torres testified in person at committee hearing. "HR. 339 is a necessary and important piece of legislation that will improve our capacity to transition into the U.S. immigration system, and provide the CNMI the short-term relief it needs to retain critical employees for the economy and provide for the well-being of our population, especially in our health care system," the governor had said.

He also addressed the surge of construction workers using up CW permits. "Removing construction workers from the eligible job categories for the CW permit will force employers to go to better suited visa classifications and alleviate the limited CW permits for occupations that are crucial for the overall economy and the needs of the people," Torres had told the Senate committee.

"In my view, CW permits were only for job categories not available under existing visa classifications. …Construction workers could be sourced through H2-B visas," the governor had added.

In the Nov. 1 letter, Sablan told the governor that the enactment of H.R. 339 was a good indication that efforts to address the 2019 expiration of the Commonwealth-only Transitional Worker, or CW, program would also succeed.

"I am already working on that long-term solution with fellow members of Congress, who helped draft and pass Public Law 115-53," Sablan told the governor. "And I look forward to continuing to work with you, also, to ensure that the Marianas has sufficient labor to keep our economy growing and that our U.S. labor force continues to expand."

Sablan wrote similar thank-yous to other community leaders, who provided letters of support for H.R. 339, including Velma Palacios, president of the board of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce; Gloria Cavanagh, chairperson of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands; Alexander A. Sablan of the CNMI Strategic Economic Development Council; and Esther L. Muna, chief executive officer of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Along with his thank you letters, as a memento, Sablan also sent a photo of the new law, signed by President Trump, framed with the pen that the President used.

Sablan was in the Marianas in August, when the President signed H.R. 339 into law. ***(PR)***

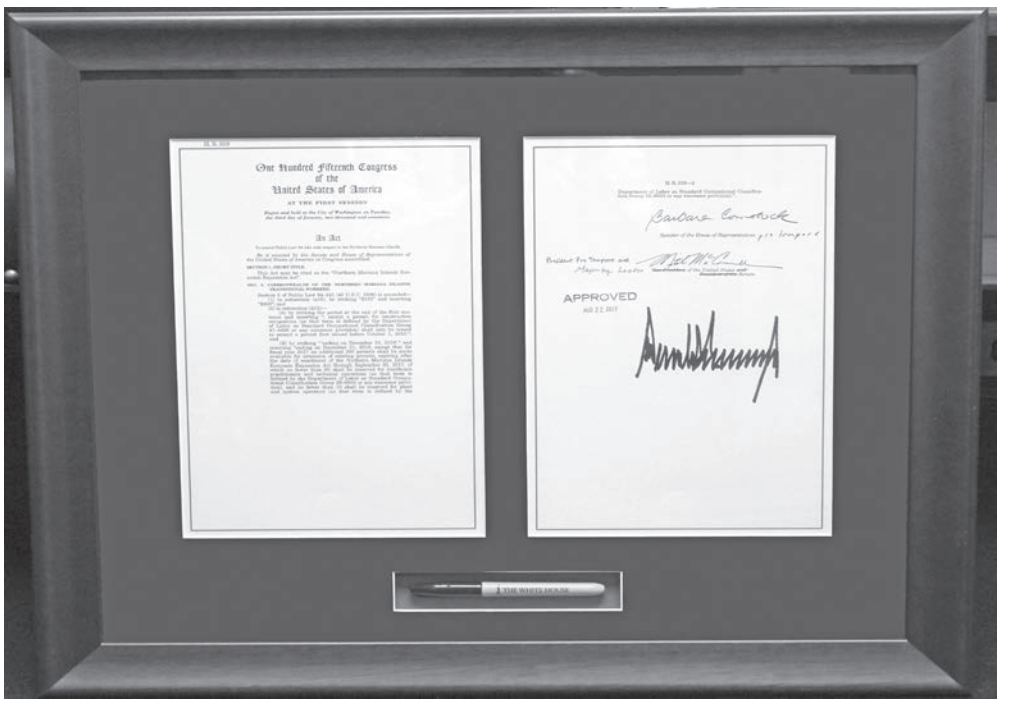

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Photo shows the new law, signed by President Trump, framed with the pen that the President used in signing Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's bill into law.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT
Belated happy birthday greetings go out to Joan of Trends, who celebrated her birthday last Friday, Nov. 3.
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EEOC launches online services

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission launched last week an EEOC Public Portal to provide online access to individuals inquiring about discrimination.

"This secure online system makes the EEOC and an individual's charge information available wherever and whenever it is most convenient for that individual," said acting EEOC chair Victoria A. Lipnic. "It's a giant leap forward for the EEOC in providing online services."

The EEOC public portal allows individuals to submit online initial inquiries and requests for intake interviews with the agency. Initial inquiries and intake interviews are typically the first steps for individuals seeking to file a charge of discrimination with EEOC. In fiscal year 2017, the EEOC responded to over 550,000 calls to the toll-free number and more than 140,600 inquiries in field offices, reflecting the significant public demand for EEOC's services. Handling this volume of contacts through an online system is more efficient for the public and the agency as it reduces the time and expense of paper submissions.

The new system enables individuals to digitally sign and file a charge prepared by the EEOC for them. Once an individual files a charge, he or she can use the EEOC public portal to provide and update contact information, agree to mediate the charge, upload documents to his or her charge file, receive documents and messages related to the charge from the agency and check on the status of his or her charge. These features are available for newly filed charges and charges that were filed on or after Jan. 1, 2016, that are in investigation or mediation.

Five EEOC offices (Charlotte, Chicago, New Orleans, Phoenix and Seattle) piloted the new system for six months. Feedback from the public and the EEOC pilot offices led to improvements in the system for this nationwide launch.

The new system does not permit individuals to file charges of discrimination online that have not been prepared by the EEOC or to file complaints of discrimination against federal agencies.

In the next few weeks, the EEOC will also provide online access to charging parties for whom the agency has an email address, who have pending charges that are currently in investigation or mediation and were filed as of Jan. 1, 2016.

Individuals who do not have online access can call 1-800-669-4000 to get basic information about how to submit an inquiry to their local EEOC office.

The EEOC advances opportunity in the workplace by enforcing federal laws prohibiting employment discrimination. More information is available at www.eeoc.gov. ***(PR)***

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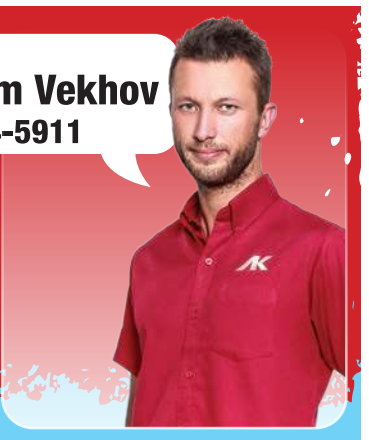

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Bogdan to have investiture ceremony tomorrow

Wesley M. Bogdan will have an investiture ceremony tomorrow, Nov. 8, in the Supreme Court courtroom at 10am, to become the newest associate judge of the CNMI Superior Court.

The investiture ceremony will be hosted by the NMI Judiciary, Judicial Council, and Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres nominated Bogdan, 59, to the post last May 12 to fill the vacancy that occurred on the Superior Court bench on May 19, 2016, with the retirement of Associate Judge David A. Wiseman.

Bogdan was the Executive Branch's legal counsel.

After his nomination, Bogdan appeared before the Senate Committee on Executive Appointment and Government Investigation. Following the committee's recommendation, the full Senate voted unanimously to confirm Bogdan.

He was commissioned as an associate judge on Aug. 16, with Torres administering his oath of office.

Bogdan worked in the CNMI government as legal counsel to former lieutenant governor Jude U. Hofschneider in 2013 and as legal counsel in the office of former governor Eloy S. Inos and the current governor, Torres, in 2014. He served in this position until his appointment to the Superior Court.

Bogdan

Bogdan obtained his juris doctorate from the University of New Mexico School of Law and bachelor's degree in business and political science from the University of Texas. He was admitted to the CNMI Bar Association in 1998 and served as a past chairman of the organization's continuing legal education committee and as a member of the CNMI Bar Association's Disciplinary Committee.

Bogdan's law career began after law school as a judicial clerk in his home state of New Mexico for the New Mexico Court of Appeals in Albuquerque, where he worked from 1992 to 1994. He moved to the CNMI thereafter and held assistant attorney general and assistant public defender positions. He also worked in private practice with the Law Offices of Brian McMahon, Eric Smith, Joshua Berger and the O'Connor, Berman, Dotts, and Banes Law Firm.

From 2009 to 2012, Bogdan worked off-island as the deputy director of the legal department for the Asian Football Confederation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

During the last four years in the Executive Branch as legal counsel and senior policy advisoer, Bogdan was involved in all legal issues and environmental matters, particularly with respect to military affairs. He notably assisted with the location and construction of the U.S. Air Force's Divert Project and the U.S. Marine Corps CNMI Joint Military Training Project.

Bogdan was chief legal counsel to Torres during the Covenant Section 902 consultations that were completed late last year; they were the first to result in a report to the President that has been transmitted to the U.S. Congress.

His activities in the CNMI community have included serving as a judge for mock trial and speech competitions and as an adjunct instructor of business law at Northern Marianas College. Within the local sports community, he has participated as a youth team coach and executive committee member of the Northern Mariana Islands Football As-

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free seminar on creating a business plan

The CNMI Small Business Development Center will be offering a free business seminar called "How to Write a Business Plan" at the Commonwealth Development Authority boardroom today, Nov. 7, 2017, from 8:30am to l0am. It will be presented by Nicole Babauta, director/business adviser at CNMI SBDC. To register, contact the CNMI SBDC office at 664-3018 or visit http://pisbden.ecenterdirect.cornievents. ***(PR)***

Free seminar on marketing

The CNMI Small Business Development Center will be offering a free business seminar called "How to Write a Marketing Plan" at the Commonwealth Development Authority boardroom on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, from 8:30am to 10am. It will be presented by Nicole Babauta, director/business adviser at CNMI SBDC. To register, contact the CNMI SBDC office at 664-3018 or visit http://pisbden.ecenterdirect.comievents. ***(PR)***

Military training at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Nov. 8, from 2pm to 9pm, and on Nov. 9, from 10am to 3pm. It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. ***(PR)***

Demolition training at AFB

The 554th Redhorse Squadron Demolition Team will be conducting explosive training from 7:30am to approximately 5pm on Nov. 15, 2017, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The training may produce loud noises, but will be localized to the munitions range of the base with no anticipated affect outside of the training area. ***(PR)***

APASEEM conference at AMP

The Asia Pacific Academy of Science, Education and Environmental Management is holding its annual conference on Nov. 7, 8, and 9 at the American Memorial Park each night, from 5:30pm until 8:30pm. Speakers will be present and there would be topics ranging from fisheries and butterflies to public perceptions of environmental issues and more. The conference is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Time is reserved at the end of each talk to answer question from the audience. ***(PR)***

Veterans Day observed Friday

This year, Veterans Day, which falls on Nov. 11, 2017, will be observed on Nov. 10, 2017. Schools and government offices will be closed. Under the law, if a legal holiday falls on a Saturday, it shall be celebrated on the preceding Friday. ***(PR)***

Revived Kantan Isla is rescheduled

The Kantan Isla Music Festival will be held on Nov. 17 at the Garapan Fishing Base, from 5pm to 11pm. For additional information, call CCA at 322-9982. There would be a raffle drawing and incentives for participating individuals. Artists will also be given space to sell their CDs and promote their music. Ten vendor slots are open for non-profit organizations, families, and churches that want to raise funds. The council will be providing tents but a $25 park and recreation fee is required. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Las Vegas Night on Nov. 18

The 2017 Rotary Club of Saipan's Las Vegas Night is on Nov. 18, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall, from 6pm to 12pm. This year the Rotary Club of Saipan will make a donation to the Rotary Club of Las Vegas Nevada to help those in this year's mass shootings. Each ticket is $5 or get five tickets for $20. You can call the Rotary Club of Saipan at 783-6378 for tickets, or visit any of the distribution points at Megabyte, NMPASI, or Paradise Dental. ***(PR)***

Chamber hosts sales training for holidays

The "Customer Service & Suggestive Selling for the Holidays" training seminar will be conducted on Nov. 16, from 9am to 12pm at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce conference room (Marianas Business Plaza, third floor, Suite 315). Registration fee is $50 per person for Saipan Chamber of Commerce members and $55 per person for non-members. Light refreshments are included. To register, call 670-234-7150 or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

MVA membership meeting on Nov. 9

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its semi-annual general membership meeting on Nov. 9, 2017, at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort at 10am. Registration will begin at 9:30am.

Guest speakers will be from the MVA's offshore offices and will provide a recap of fiscal year 2017 projects and the MVA's marketing plans for fiscal year 2018.

Speakers will be the respective in-country managers: Irene Lee, Korea market; Shirley Zhang, China market; and Takashi Ichikura, Japan market.

The meeting cost is $16/person for MVA members and $20/person for non-members. The cost includes light refreshments and lunch. RSVP should be made by Nov. 3, 2017.

The MVA also welcomes new businesses, agencies and individuals who want to actively participate in the Marianas' top industry as MVA members. Membership is $100 annually. To RSVP, to request a membership application, or for more information, contact MVA Community Projects administrative assistant Demalynn Pagarao at dpagarao@mymarianas.com or call 664-3200. ***(MVA)***

VA benefits counselor visiting Saipan

A U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration benefits counselor will be at the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic on Dec. 15, 2017, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The benefits counselor will be available to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process. The Saipan VA Outreach Clinic is located at the MH II Bldg. Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park in Garapan. To request an appointment, contact Ruth Coleman at 322-0035. ***(PR)***

CNMI Next Top Chef competition

The CNMI Next Top Chef 2017 invites interested chefs to register for the competition on Nov. 9, 2017, at 6pm at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Tickets are now on sale for $50/person including the live cooking competition, full buffet dinner, and raffle. For a chef entry form or tickets, contact Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation at 235-2340 or emptyvesselministry@gmail.com. Jointly organized with the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, the event will benefit the Empty Vessel Ministry. ***(PR)***

Marriage Encounter Weekend set

The next CNMI Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan on Nov. 17-19 2017. It is open to husband and wife couples of all denominations and mixed faiths. There is a non-refundable application fee of $100. If couples are unable to fund the $100, M.E. will find sponsors to pay the fee. To participate, email cnmime@gmail.com or call Joe and Linda Muña at 287-2102. Space is limited to the first 15 couples only. ***(PR)***

PH consulate to hold NMI outreach

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in coordination with the Office of Honorary Consul Eli Arago, will conduct a mobile consular outreach in the CNMI from Nov. 13 to 17, 2017 (Monday to Friday) at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, from 9am to 6pm.

Those who wish to renew their passport may submit their application at the Finasisu Terraces, Apartment Building D, second floor (top of the Mini-Mart Store), Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (12pm to 1pm, break time).

For any inquiry about passport renewal, call Mel Santos at 233-6293. ***(PR)***

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CNMI first lady Diann Torres meets with first lady Melania Trump in Waikiki during President Trump's stopover in Hawaii on his way to his Asia-Pacific trip.

US lawmakers warns of dangers of N. Korea invasion

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Ted W. Lieu (D-Los Angeles County) issued a bipartisan joint statement yesterday with 15 fellow veterans that thumbed down a potential ground invasion of North Korea.

The statement follows a Congressional Research Service report and a letter from the joint chiefs of staff addressing questions raised by Lieu and Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) about the Pentagon's plan for military action against North Korea.

In the statement, the House members wrote: "The joint chiefs of staff has now confirmed that the only way to destroy North Korea's nuclear arsenal is through a ground invasion. That is deeply disturbing and could result in hundreds of thousands, or even millions of deaths in just the first few days of fighting.

"As veterans, we have defended this nation in war and we remain committed to this country's security. We also understand that entering into a protracted and massive ground war with North Korea would be disastrous for U.S. troops and our allies.

"The joint chiefs of staff, it appears, agree. Their assessment underscores what we've known all along: There are no good military options for North Korea. Invading North Korea could result in a catastrophic loss of lives for U.S. troops and U.S. civilians in South Korea. It could kill millions of South Koreans and put troops and civilians in Guam and Japan at risk. The joint chiefs said they have no reason to believe North Korea would resist using their stockpiles of biological and chemical weapons. It is our intent to have a full public accounting of the potential cost of war, so the American people understand the commitment we would be making as a nation if we were to pursue military action."

The other lawmakers who signed on to the statement includes Gallego, Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA), Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD), Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL), Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC), Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), Rep. Glenn Thompson (D-CA), Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA), and Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA).

Lieu

A nonpartisan CRS report indicates conflict on the peninsula could impact as many as 25 million people on either side of the border, including more than 100,000 U.S. citizens.

"We must pursue every other option before even considering a massive ground invasion.

"The [Trump] administration has also failed to articulate any plans to prevent the military conflict from expanding beyond the Korean Peninsula and to manage what happens after the conflict is over. We're still engaged in the longest war in U.S. history in Afghanistan with no end in sight.

"With that in mind, the thought of sending troops into harm's way and expending resources on another potentially unwinnable war is chilling. The President needs to stop making provocative statements that hinder diplomatic options and put American troops further at risk.

"The joint chiefs' assessment and the CRS report clearly demonstrate that every diplomatic and economic option must be exhausted before military options are considered.

"If President Trump does intend to pursue a military option against North Korea, he must come to Congress as required by our Constitution. The stakes are too high and the potential outcome too grave for President Trump to violate his constitutional duty to come to Congress to authorize and oversee use of force."

Lieu is a member of the House Foreign Affairs and House Judiciary committees. He is also a veteran, an assistant whip for the Democratic caucus, and a colonel in the Air Force reserves. ***(PR)***

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Green Meadow School teachers, students, and parents participate in Harvest Day celebrations at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi Purpose Center.

GMS celebrates Harvest Day

Harvest Day at Green Meadow School means parents, students, teachers, and staff wearing different costumes. Sounds like Halloween but, instead, the school celebrates the occasion to remind everyone of their many blessings.

Those were exactly what spectators saw last Oct. 28, 2017, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, when the school celebrated Harvest Day, with everyone dressed in various outfits.

Harvest Day is celebrated at GMS yearly. Children and adults alike put on their superhero, prince/princess, community helpers, animal, or fairy tale character costumes to show gratitude to God for the bountiful harvest we are enjoying in our daily lives.

Each grade level showcased their talents. Students from infants and toddlers to the 7th grade prepared dance numbers, modeling stints, and song interpretations.

Aside from the fun, lucky families went home with special prizes from the raffle drawings.

The program ended at around 9pm. ***(PR)***

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Students of Green Meadow School perform for guests.

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Green Meadow School parents and relatives wear their chosen costumes for the Harvest Day celebrations at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi Purpose Center.

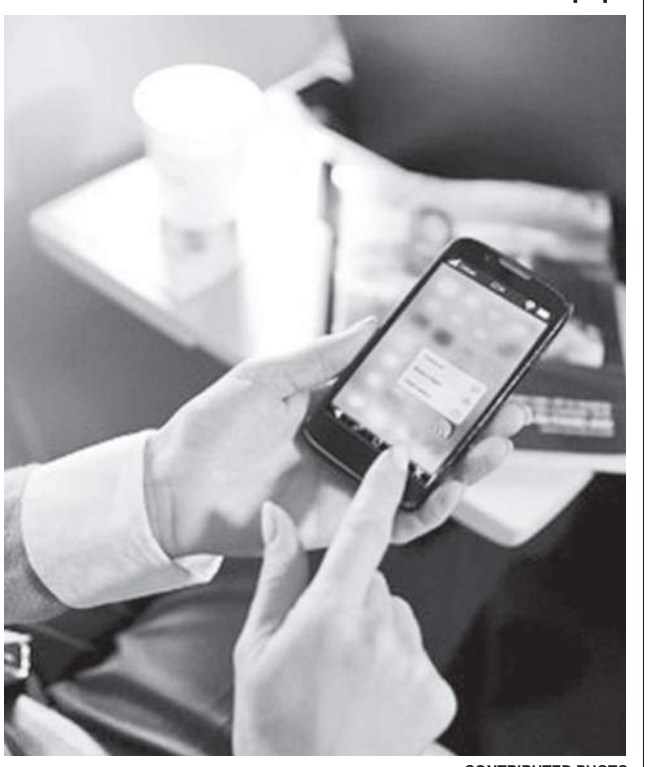
United adds more enhancements to its app

GUAM—United Airlines debuted last Thursday enhancements to its mobile app that add even more convenience for customers to manage their reservations on-the-go.

With the newest version of the United app, customers will be able to change and cancel flights in the app, add their MileagePlus and United Club cards to the Apple Wallet and access other helpful travel tools.

These updates build on the airline's recent announcement to allow customers to access boarding passes for 19 other carriers through its mobile app.

"Every day 800,000 customers rely on our mobile app to book reservations, view flight statuses, check-in and access a variety of other handy travel tools we've made available through our app," said Linda Jojo, chief digital officer at United. "We're constantly making updates to the app that help our customers manage their travel with us at the touch of a finger and access even more information about their flights as quickly and conveniently as possible."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United Airlines debuted last Thursday enhancements to its mobile app.

Managing reservations

United adds convenience to the app, providing customers with more time saving tools to make changes or cancel flights directly in the app.

App users will select the option to either cancel or change flights under reservations details, and follow the steps to confirmation. As this new feature debuts, certain reservations, such as reservations purchased through third parties, will continue to united.com to allow customers to make changes. Support for more reservations to be completed in the app will continue to expand in the coming weeks.

Storing cards in Apple Wallet

United will also now allow customers to store their United Club card and MileagePlus card in the Apple Wallet. Adding these cards to the wallet will ensure customers always have their information handy when making reservations and checking into United Clubs. United Club members will still scan their boarding passes to access United Club locations before their flight.

Members who do not have their MileagePlus number tied to their boarding pass will be able to show their electronic card, along with a same-day boarding pass for United Club access. To add these cards to the wallet, users must be logged into their MileagePlus account in the app, select United Clubs and/or MileagePlus section and then select the "Add to Apple Wallet" icon located under the digital card.

Additional enhancements

United recently launched a "Track my bags" beta in its app to allow customers to follow their bags throughout all the critical points of their journey. With this new capability, customers will be able to see real-time updates of when the bag has been loaded onto a flight, unloaded from the flight and when it is available at baggage claim.

The carrier is also introducing a new feature for users whose devices are compatible with Apple's 3D touch capability. Customers will now be able to utilize Apple's 3D touch to instantly navigate from their iPhone's home screen to book a flight, check-in and view their flight status in the app. ***(PR)***

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No more shenanigans with Puerto Rico aid

Gov. Rick Scott will be visiting Puerto Rico on Friday, as the U.S. territory of 3.4 million continues to struggle with the largest power outage in our nation's history. Scott is leading a delegation of utility providers, including Florida Power & Light, to help with recovery efforts.

Nearly six weeks after Hurricane Maria decimated its power grid, 70 percent of Puerto Rico remains in the dark. Hospitals are running on generators. People still struggle to find food and drinking water. And most schools and businesses remain closed.

Amid its cries for help, the last thing Puerto Rico needs is the whiff of scandal involving federal relief funds. Yet that's exactly what happened with the so-called Whitefish contract.

It's anyone's guess how Whitefish Energy, a small Montana company that employed only two full-time employees the day Hurricane Maria struck, obtained a $300 million, no-bid contract to restore power on the island.

It's also hard to understand why Puerto Rico failed to activate a mutual-aid agreement that would have brought a cavalry of utility companies in from other states. The head of Puerto Rico's power authority, Ricardo Ramos, says there wasn't the money to activate the mutual-aid plan.

But the Puerto Rico Power Authority, best known as PREPA, was able to give Whitefish a reported $3.7 million upfront payment, according to CNN and other media outlets.

That Whitefish is based in the Montana hometown of U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke certainly raises eyebrows. The Washington Post reports that Zinke, a former Montana congressman, is an acquaintance of Whitefish CEO Andy Techmanski and his son had a summer job at a Whitefish construction site.

None of this looks good.

Zinke's department oversees U.S. territories, including Puerto Rico. He has denied any involvement in the contract. The White House says Washington had nothing to do with how this contract got awarded, that Puerto Rico made the call.

The U.S. Homeland Security's Inspector General and the House Natural Resources Committee are rightly investigating how this happened. Anyone with half a brain could see such a sizable job needed to go to a sizable company with a proven track record.

Plus, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) says it had questioned the contract's high repair costs and warned Puerto Rico it might not get reimbursed, the New York Times reported.

On Sunday, amid growing controversy, Puerto Rico's Gov. Ricardo Rossello pulled the plug on Whitefish, effective in 30 days. He also asked the governors of Florida and New York to do what should have been done in the first place—help activate the utility mutual-aid plan and send brigades of electrical workers to Puerto Rico, pronto.

Florida will not pay for any repair work, but is working closely with Puerto Rican officials to help coordinate emergency missions. That's how it should be.

Beyond humanitarian reasons, Florida has a stake in helping Puerto Rico. For since the Sept. 20 hurricane, more than

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Selective outrage about Kevin Spacey

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I first saw Kevin Spacey in an old crime series called "Wiseguy." It was about three decades ago, and he played a character who had biblical knowledge of his sister, who obligingly shot him full of heroin through his big toe. I was enchanted.

I followed his burgeoning career, through two Oscars and an Emmy-winning performance in Netflix series "House of Cards." The man was our own Olivier, and I loved him. In fact, I considered myself the wife he didn't know he actually had.

Which became a running joke with my friends, who apparently already sensed what I had deliberately ignored: Kevin was gay.

For decades, the man kept his private life exactly that: private. I'm sure there were rumors among the Hollywood types, and I'm sure some of those rumors had incredibly salacious details, but I was quite happy in my imaginary menage a who-are-you-kidding?

And then it all came tumbling down this week when Kevin bypassed me completely (you don't call, you don't write!) and admitted to the world that he was, in fact, "living as a gay man."

The problem is that this revelation was the second clause of a two-part sentence, and the first clause implied that he didn't remember a drunken episode where he tried to assault a 14-year-old three decades ago. Whether he meant to or not (and he probably meant to), Kevin pushed open the door to that dark closet in the hopes that the noise it made would drown out the accusations of sexual assault.

It didn't work. Oh boy, did it not work. Instead of garnering the support of those Hollywood types who love a good coming out story (including those who were actually forced by cattle prods out of the closet kicking and screaming against their will,) Kevin's cohorts in La La land went ballistic. They were angry that he seemed to be mixing his La Cage "I Am What I Am" moment with an attempted deflection of past pedophilia (alleged, of course.)

As I tweeted after the revelation, it seemed as if Hollywood was angrier that Kevin had offended the LGBT community than that he had sort of, kind of admitted his attempted assault of a teenager back in 1986. I kept reading the tweets from the icons of liberal tolerance, trying to find some profound vein of anger at his sexual misconduct, and they were there. But there were also condemnations along the line of that exhibited by Dan Savage, a man who regularly condones pretty disgusting sexual behavior between "consenting adults." The aptly-named Savage tweeted that ""There's no amount of drunk or closeted that excuses or explains away assaulting a 14-year-old child."

He's right, of course. Spacey's obvious attempt to deflect attention from his alleged predation is the worst moral flea-flicker pass in history, seconded only by former New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey.

But I cannot get the word "chutzpah" out of my head reading this sex columnist's moral outrage against Spacey when in the past, some of the "advice" he's handed out about threesomes, dildoes and other delightful accessories for debauchery is just this side of felonious in some third world countries.

The outrage at Spacey's timing made me wonder how people would have reacted had the actor made this statement: "I honestly do not remember the encounter. It would have been 30 years ago....This story has encouraged me to address other things about my life. I know that there are stories out there about me, and that some have been fueled by the fact that I have been so protective of my privacy. I choose now to live as a Catholic priest."

Imagine that the Hollywood crew were faced with a future seminarian Spacey who had sort of acknowledged inappropriate relations with a young boy instead of a "finally here I am gay man" Spacey admitting the same sordid acts. Would they be angry that he had slandered Catholics in general, and Catholic priests in particular? I mean, how horrible to try and conflate priests with sexual misconduct? Right? Hello?

Yes, I am being facetious, as if I even had to mention it. Hollywood has spent decades attacking the church, as recently as a couple of years ago with that incredibly biased piece of fiction "Spotlight." Conflating priests and predators is par for the course with the California crew. And these days, any heterosexual man who can breathe without a respirator is fair game.

But God forbid there should be any suggestion of sexual misconduct in any community protected by race, religion (not Catholicism of course,) sexual orientation or gender? If you do that, you will be shunned.

It's a shame my ex-husband didn't check out the Jesuits. It could have saved him a lot of grief.

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Why we cling to clothes we never wear

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We buy shoes we don't wear, wear shoes we don't like and have—buried at the bottom of a drawer—a cute bra that no longer fits.

This is true even if we are men. Well, some men.

If we are other men, what we have at the bottom of the drawer, usually an upper-drawer or the one in the nightstand, is a pair of cufflinks and a tie clip, none of which have been worn since the first Bush administration.

Men also have a number of ties—accessories so unruly they needed clips to keep them in place—but given that so few occasions demand ties these days, they remain, like old Playboy magazines from the 1980s and sweaters hand-knit by old girlfriends, tucked behind something else. They are not quite hidden, not at all valuable, but not quite rubbish. Not yet.

Women have hosiery, not that we ever use the term, with one run near the top or one small hole near the big toe, fixed with either nail polish or hair spray, tucked away so that we can use them in an "emergency." We have bathing suits that have lost their elasticity, T-shirts that have been washed so many times they've lost their shape as well as their design and Capri pants that have lost all hope of being worn by a person declared legally sane.

We might even have a poofy-sleeved Laura Ashley dress stashed somewhere. When I was in college, I saved up for month to purchase a deeply flowered Laura Ashley corduroy peasant dress only to discover that it made me look like a peasant. I looked like I should be picking escarole. All I needed was a basket tucked under one arm.

I gave that Laura Ashley to my tall, thin sister-in-law when she got pregnant and then it perfectly suited its wearer. She looked elegant enough to be taking tea in an English garden. She didn't look like she should be on a Contadina can. ("Contadina" actually means "Italian peasant woman.")

Over the years, my spouse and I have given to friends, donated to thrift shops or bagged then shoved into charity bins hundreds of items of clothing. Having bought most of my clothes secondhand when I was a kid, I know that these items usually go to good homes.

But there are still some old relics that haunt me. Even knowing better, I have trouble letting them go. For example, I have beautiful blue suede cowboy boots from wilder days that now press on the single most painful part of my third metatarsal. I might as well use them as matching vases. Yet every time I think "just donate them already," I dig in my heels, metaphorically of course, and refuse.

Maybe I don't need an organizer. Maybe I need an exorcist. It's not that I need mothballs or Hefty bags; I need somebody with salt for the corners of the closet and sage to disperse the clinging memories.

At the very back of the closet, there's an aggressively unattractive, lace, high-necked jacket that I won't relinquish. I've never worn it. It is the only garment I possess that still has tags.

Nevertheless, I fantasize about the time this will be the absolutely perfect thing to throw over my shoulders and make an entrance. All eyes will turn my way. And although it will be the obvious comment, no one will whisper, "Is she wearing a doily?"

(No kidding: I've just gone to look at the jacket again. I think the entrance I'll be making is onto a stage where I'll be playing Miss Havisham. Maybe I'll wear it with Capri pants for the full effect.)

I know I should keep only what fits, flatters and feels comfortable but I might have to hold onto the boots and the lace.

My new motto when it comes to dealing with what's in my closet it this: Some things you keep for sentimental reasons; when that's the case, you need to take care of them; most of the time, however, you should let them go.

Basically you gotta know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to give 'em away.

Trump is the GOP mainstream

By RICH LOWRY
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The showdown between President Donald Trump and Sen. Jeff Flake turned out to be no contest. It wasn't Trump who was out of the GOP mainstream, but Flake.

The Arizona senator supported Gang of Eight-style immigration reform, when immigration restriction is becoming a litmus-test issue in the party. He is a Goldwaterite, libertarian-inflected conservative, when the market for libertarianism within the party is limited and diminishing by the day.

He is frankly anti-Trump, when Trump owns the party. Many Republican voters are fully aware of the president's flaws, but they don't want to hear about them constantly from Republican officeholders.

Flake's criticisms of the president were honest, sincere and principled. If he's not a finalist for a Profile in Courage Award, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation is falling down on the job.

They also were malpractice. The most likely outcome was to make it more difficult to defeat the Trumpite insurgent Kelli Ward in a primary next year, which one would have thought was a paramount political goal.

Worse, Flake apparently rendered himself unelectable. Perhaps he considered speaking out more important than serving, a personal choice that no one can gainsay. But if the party isn't going to be overrun by Trump sycophants, it will need working politicians who are willing and able to better navigate these waters.

There are a few, more sensible approaches in the Senate.

There's the Ben Sasse model—speak your mind without fear or favor, knowing that you aren't facing a tough primary in a matter of months and, if you decide to run again, it won't be until 2020, when the mood might have shifted.

There's the Mitch McConnell model—hold your cards as close to the vest as possible and try to keep things from running completely off the rails so the party's congressional majorities aren't destroyed.

There's the Lindsey Graham model—criticize Trump when he's wrong and never abase yourself in his defense, but develop a relationship with the president to maximize your sway.

But it's a mistake to assume that Trump will somehow magically evaporate, leaving everything in the party as it was before he showed up. At this point, a Trump failure will take down the party, too, and may deepen and intensify the Republican civil war rather than end it.

It's also a mistake to treat the Trump phenomenon as a fluke from which Republicans need learn no lessons. Establishment Republicans seem to believe Trump's rise says more about the inadequacies of their voters than about the inadequacies of their own, shopworn politics.

The great advantage Trump has in Republican politics is that he's a Republican president, and partisanship is an awesome political force. So is the cult of personality that inheres in the presidency, augmented by Trump's celebrity. He has the right enemies, and his culture-war fights coupled with his traditional GOP legislative agenda offer something for everyone in the party, from the populists to the Chamber of Commerce.

All of this means that, until further notice, he occupies the commanding heights of the GOP. Full-frontal assaults may be bold and brave, but they will likely be ineffectual, if not wholly counterproductive.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In loving memory of Imants 'Ed' Klingbergs

Never thought Ed would ever leave us. He was so humble, fun, witty, generous, and eager to help. At every turn and every corner, when we needed help, Ed was always there, standing behind us with a big smile on his baby-like face. When he was not helping others, he would be busy making something here and there.

Klingbergs

And the last something he tried to create was a two-story concrete house on a hill overlooking the Philippine Sea. He envisioned, one day, when he could not walk anymore, he would sit in front the house drinking beer and enjoying the sunset and the island flavor.

He started the project in his late 60's. Inch by inch, he cleared the wooded land to build the foundation. Brick by brick, he hauled them up to the hill from Beach Road. Stings from insects did not bother him. Noise did not slow him. As soon as the light broke, the chainsaw was fired up. Before the moon and stars rose, another day bid farewell. Clouds sheltered his sweat. Wind dried his clothes. Passing birds whispered in his ears.

A staple in God's eyes. An enchanting spirit. A role model and a dear friend. Rest in peace. We shall meet again in the realm of our spirit. You are deeply missed.

Kui Cheng
Dallas, Texas

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90,000 of its citizens have come to live here. And that's just the first trickle.

Professor Jorge Duany, director of the Cuban Research Institute at Florida International University, predicts a Puerto Rican diaspora the size of which hasn't been seen since the Irish fled during the potato famine in the mid-1800s.

"I think everyone is going to leave—anyone who can buy a one-way ticket," Duany told the Orlando Sentinel.

You can't blame Puerto Ricans for leaving, even those who wish they could stay. Who wants to live without electricity for months, maybe years? For without electricity, you can't power schools, supermarkets and water treatment plants—the staples of a normal life.

The sooner Puerto Rico gets electricity restored, the better it will be for everyone.

Gov. Rossello has appointed a special trustee to preside over state utility contracts. Now he should show Ramos the door. PREPA needs someone credible at the helm.

Puerto Ricans deserve our help in this terrible time. But in digging deep, we want to know the money is being spent properly. So enough of the shenanigans and doling out contracts to political buddies and cronies, whether they be in San Juan or Washington.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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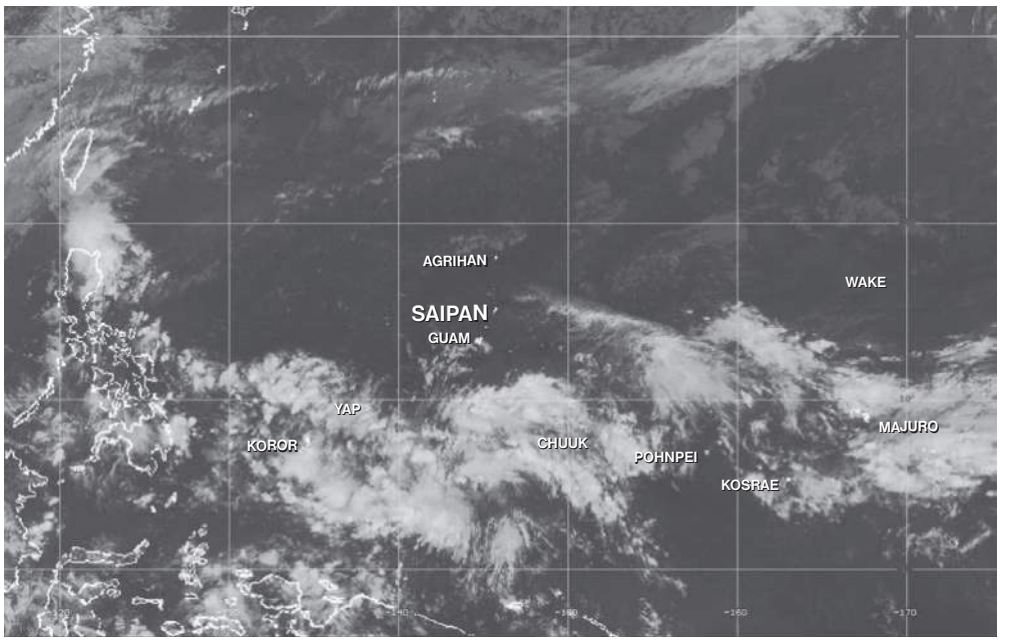

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Little or no change is noted in the latest models, with a continued dry-season pattern of east winds and isolated showers. GFS hints at a slight increase in mid-level moisture Monday night and Tuesday, mainly for Guam. Today should have the highest winds and seas of the week, with tomorrow a close second, but then winds and seas should slowly decrease as the week progresses. But at this point, small craft conditions are not expected.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Rain	64° / 55°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	57° / 36°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	81° / 73°
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	84° / 74°
London	Showers	54° / 39°
Los Angeles	Sunny	72° / 56°
Manila	Mostly Sunny	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	66° / 45°
Miami	Sunny	82° / 74°
New York	Partly Cloudy	55° / 43°
Osaka	Rain	70° / 54°
Paris	Sunny	50° / 39°
Busan	Sunny	72° / 46°
Rome	Showers	59° / 45°
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	79° / 63°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	61° / 50°
Seoul	Sunny	63° / 37°
Tokyo	Showers	68° / 55°
Washington, DC	Rain	53° / 45°

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10:28 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.05
4:10 PM	LOW TIDE	1.05
9:07 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.96

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Wednesday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	9:01 am	8:48 pm
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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4

SAIPAN-NANJING (NKG)

XP889	4:45pm	10:30pm	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 3, 4, 6 via GUM
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UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
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UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
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UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:00pm	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	1, 2, 3
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

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JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7

NANJING (NKG)-SAIPAN

XP888	9:35pm	4:00am+1	1, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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ROTA TO GUAM

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2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Hilda Rios, Tanapag Middle School principal

By ALEX MEGINO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Q: **How did you get your start?**

A: My academic career began when I first entered my first grade classroom. I will never forget my first grade teacher, Mrs. Somol from Garapan Elementary School. She had beautiful long hair and the most calming smile.

My career in education began when I first decided to become an educator. I was in second grade when I made that decision and I never changed my mind.

I entered the Teacher Academy Program back in 1994 at Marianas High School and never looked back.

Q: What would be the most positive and most troublesome definition of Tanapag Middle School?

A: Troublesome? The facilities, it needs a lot of updating and fixing. Positive, the students and the staff. I am surrounded by some of the most respectful individuals on the island. There are a lot of beautiful hearts at Tanapag Middle School.

Q: What is your plan for Tanapag Middle School now that you're the principal?

A: Like most principals, I want Tanapag Middle School to be the best. I want Tanapag Middle School to be technologically ready and advanced. I want students to feel challenged, proud, and happy to learn.

Q: If you could wish for a superpower, what would it be?

A: I wish I have the power to shield students from unnecessary pain and challenges that keep them from learning.

Q: What motivates you and what can motivate students to stay positive and do well?

A: I get highly motivated when I see someone having a Eureka moment. It reminds you that you have done something good. I love seeing kids wanting to learn and doing something with their learning. When students believe that they can do anything, nothing is impossible.

Q: If you have one, who is your role model?

A: I have many role models. Every person is different and so I learn a little from everyone that has touched my life, one way or another.

Q: What would you wish for all the CNMI students for the new school year?

A: I wish for all students to believe in themselves and the great things they can do. There is so much to discover, explore, invent, question, connect, and learn. I challenge students to do one or more of those things.

Megino is an 8th grade student at Tanapag Middle School.

My amazing talent

By JOSHUA CADUDU-AN
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Do you have an amazing talent that you love? Well I have and it's singing. Singing is my favorite things to do. When I'm bored or when I'm drawing I sing. I get invited to singing competitions, Liberation Day activities, and singing for my island. Sometimes, when people ask me to practice a song my parents remind me every day to practice. When I think I'm confident to sing without looking, I do it and it goes well. When I go to places to sing, I feel confident. Every Wednesday, I sing at church for choir, I sing with my friends like Tyrone. But sometimes my parents get mad and force me to practice singing, but it's good so that I can learn and someday I might become a famous singer. People say that I have an amazing voice and that I was gifted with it. So I will practice my voice everyday so that I can become a famous singer one day and my little brother could be just like me one day. But time will tell what will happen. If you have a special talent, share it. You might become famous because of it.

Joshua Cadudu-an is 9 years old and in 4th Grade at WSR.

My favorite destinations on Saipan

By Trinicia Ja'ne Lizama
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Saipan is a beautiful island with many magnificent places to visit on land and underwater. Our beautiful island is surrounded by a body of water. Depending on which beach you visit, you may see white sands or various beautiful rocks like Ladder Beach. Ladder Beach is my favorite beach to go to during the summer and if you choose to swim or snorkel you are able to see the beautiful creatures that live within our reefs.

Our island has numerous historical places and here are some of my favorite historical landmarks (these are my favorite places on Saipan): the Last Command Post, Suicide Cliff, and the Grotto. I like visiting these places because it teaches me about what happened in the past during World War II.

Trinicia Ja'ne Lizama is 9 years old and is in 5th Grade at WSR.

FUN FACTS
EDUCATION AROUND THE WORLD

1 Students in China get the most homework in the world. At an average, teenagers do a whopping 14 hours of homework in a week. Consider yourself lucky, you didn't have to!

2 The city Montessori school in Lucknow, India, is the largest school in the world in terms of number of students, with more than 32,000 students.

3 The world's oldest school is in Canterbury, England. The king's school, as it is named, was founded in 597 AD.

Blitz PROFILE

Frank Gibson: The soul of 4th Grade B, GTC

By PHILIP MEGINO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Frank Gibson is the soul of 4th Grade B at GTC Elementary School.

Date of birth: This is top secret, super confidential information. I could tell you, but…

Place of birth: Subic Bay

Zodiac sign: Gemini

Occupation: Helping students improve each and every day.

Hobby: Rap posing with my students. On a side note, I also love to read and travel.

Favorite season: Summer. I'm on vacation, and I get to work on my tan.

Favorite color: I like pastels. It's too hard to pick just one.

Favorite food: Fried chicken. Or is it fried pork? Mmm. Delicious.

Favorite fruit: What's fruit? I kind of like those red things that fall out of trees.

Favorite site/location:– A quiet beach.

Favorite animal: It's either the chicken or the pig. Both taste delicious when fried.

Favorite sport: Football. Go Chiefs!

Favorite book: The Count of Monte Cristo

Favorite movie: This is a hard one. Maybe *Rocky* or *Goodfellas*. I don't know. I can always watch Forrest Gump.

Favorite actor: Matt Damon

Favorite composer: Willie Mitchell

Favorite poem: Microphone Fiend

What would you be if you weren't a teacher? Looking for a job. I'm kidding. I would be a guy working to become a teacher.

If learning a new language, which one would you learn? Japanese. I've been trying for years, but it's just not sticking.

If you could have an extra talent, which one would you want? One that makes me rich enough to travel 365 days a year.

Philip Megino is a 5th Grade student at GTC.

My cool hobby

By MARIA CORAZON BATALLONES
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

My cool hobby is swimming. It is cool because I'm influencing people to become healthy and strong and, it tones muscles, and build up strength.

Swimming also helped me how to be nice and good to other people. It taught me how to cooperate with people to complete the task.

Swimming made me mature enough to choose what I want to do in the future. This hobby helped build my strong faith, that through God's help, I can win and become a champion.

My cool hobby made me brave enough to travel to another country like Japan without my parents. My cool hobby helped me collect gold medals and trophies in every competition I joined in. This is my cool hobby that I would like to share.

Maria Corazon Batallones is 9 years old and is a 4th grader at WSR.

By EDWIN PIUS LEON GUERRERO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Fishing is a really cool hobby. The first time I caught a fish was when I was 5 years old. It was an angelfish. One Saturday morning, my dad taught me how to fish and I ended up seeing shark pieces in the water. So now my favorite hobby is fishing. I seem to get better at it every time I go fishing.

Fishing is awesome. When you go fishing, you will have to prepare yourself with the proper gear. One could use a rod, spear, or Hawaiian sling. I prefer to use a fishing rod so fishes won't see me easily.

You can use different kinds of bait for the fish you want to catch. There are several good places to fish on island. Before one fishes with a rod, they need to learn how to release, wheel up the line, and pull up the fish. When one can successfully do that, then they are ready to go fishing.

The exciting thing about fishing is when you catch one, pull up your catch and see it. I like seeing different kinds of fish. When I go fishing I throw the bait in different places to try my luck and to see where the fish are biting.

If the fish happens to be small I will throw it back in the water but if it is a big fish I will keep it.

Edwin Pius Leon Guerrero is 10 years old and is a 5th grade at WSR.

My teacher

By KAYLI LEE
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

My teacher's name is Mr. Joseph Muña. My classmates and others call him Mr. Jay. If you come in his class, he is most likely to be there because he is rarely absent. In his class, he has 34 students, including me.

Other classes have over 20 students. He expects all his students to come to school ready to learn. His favorite subject to teach is math. He once said, "practice makes permanent." This means that whatever you practice stays with you forever.

His class is part of the 21st century model classrooms, so he let his students do activities with the iPads. Mr. Jay calls us "young adults" because he thinks that we are old enough to practice being responsible like adults.

He does not believe there are bad people but people who make poor choices. So we do our best to make good choices in class; if not, our names go on the board. I am thankful that Mr. Jay is my teacher because he teaches a lot of stuff and inspires us to be a better person.

I hope Mr. Jay continues to guide his students at WSR. I am glad he is my teacher and he is my favorite one yet.

Kayli Lee is 9 years old and is a 4th grade student at WSR.

By MADISON RASA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Every student has a favorite teacher that they look up to while they are attending school. Mrs. Mary Elchico is my favorite teacher and the one that I admire.

Mrs. Elchico is gritty and helpful. She is always willing to help students and her co-workers in whatever they need. She always tries to make learning fun and exciting every time she teaches.

I find her always encouraging us students to grow and develop our skills in the different subjects that we need to succeed in. She is like our second mom because she is always there for us when we're happy, sad, or angry or just simply need someone to talk to.

This school year is her second year of teaching 5th grade at William S. Reyes Elementary School.

She enjoys teaching, singing, and playing with her dogs. Her favorite hobby is playing volleyball and she also likes to travel to new places. This school year (2017-2018), she is our Parents-Teachers-Students Association president.

I feel that students who have Mrs. Elchico as a teacher are going to be truly blessed to have her since they would learn a lot of skills. She is one of a kind.

Madison Rasa is 10 years old, and is in 5th grade at WSR.

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All about my family

By YERMA CAMACHO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

There are seven people in my family: my dad, mom, my four brothers, and me. When my family and I got a car, we went to Dandan baseball field to watch the Palau league. This is where Palauan people play baseball. We go there and watch and when the game is done, the little kids go and play, including my three brothers and me. Sometimes as we go around the baseball field, there are people who would be selling food and drinks. This is where we cherish the cold drink and wonderful chips.

Another activity that we do as a family is going to the beach. A lot of times when we go to the beach, I would swim with my brothers while my mother and my other brothers would go fishing. Don't forget the barbecuing. It is one of my favorite things to do with my family.

If we do not have anything else to do, we would often read, draw, tinker with our smartphones, and help around the house by doing chores or help mom and dad do the cleaning.

One of my favorite things to do with my family is having a family meal. We tell jokes and other stories during mealtime.

But my favorite of all is going to the ballgame. At the ballgame, we get to visit other families. We sit with them and tell stories while we watch the game. My mom and dad really like to do this. Plus, they get to see their friends.

I will always love my family very much! I am thankful to know that I get support and love from them. And I appreciate that very much. My family is wonderful and they have taught me how to be a respectful person.

Yerma Camacho is a 5th grader at WSR.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A CHICKEN AND A CHIHUAHUA?

SAMPLE		MALES		BEAKER		BREAK
CANYON	___	NANCY		RANGES	___	NEARS
SENIOR	___	SIREN		ANGELS	___	LANES
SACRED	___	READS		GRASSY	___	GRAYS
ESTHER	___	STEER				
TASTER	___	START				
HATRED	___	EARTH				

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Lucky four-leaf find	__ __ O __ __ __	Cunning	__ __ E __ __ __
2. Take out a loan	__ O __ __ __ __	Rabbit's home	__ U __ __ __ __
3. Clara Barton, e.g.	__ U __ __ __	Oslo born	__ O __ __ __
4. Electrical jolt	__ __ O __ __	Hovel	__ __ A __ __
5. Color of envy	__ __ __ __ N	Welcome visitors	__ __ __ __ T
6. Swaps	T __ __ __ __ __	Report card entries	G __ __ __ __ __
7. Corroded	R __ __ __ __	Singer Springfield	D __ __ __ __
8. Skedaddle	__ __ __ __ M	Worthless metal	__ __ __ __ P
9. Stunner	__ __ __ U __ __	Actor Warren	__ __ __ T __ __
10. Georgia's fruit	__ __ A __ __	Parrot's bar	__ __ R __ __

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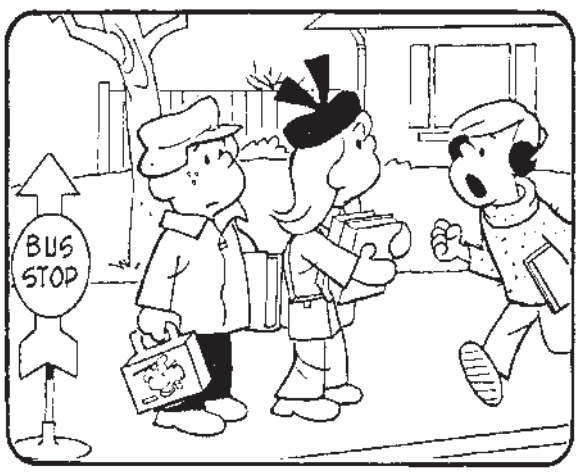
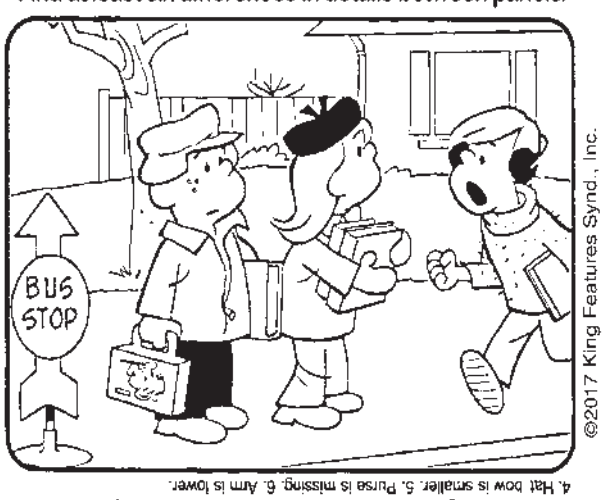
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Sign is shorter. 2. Lunchbox is moved. 3. Jacket is opened. 4. Hat bow is smaller. 5. Purse is missing. 6. Arm is lower.

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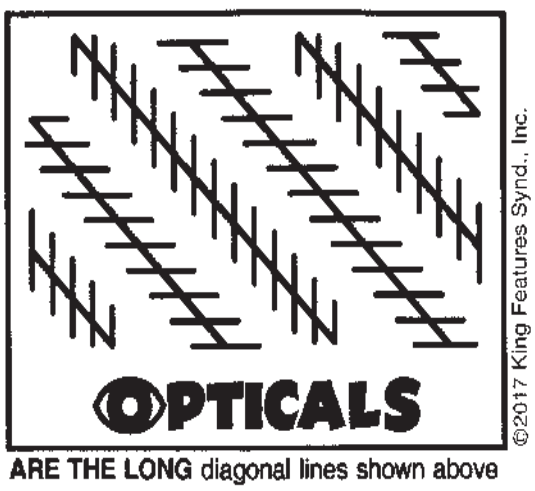

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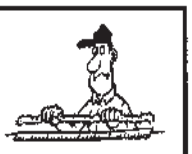
ARE THE LONG diagonal lines shown above straight and parallel?

Answer: Yes. The short lines make them appear to be unaligned.

A CROOKED CALCULATION! A dishonest tradesman measured out 20 feet of rope for a customer. Using a yardstick that was 3 inches too short, how much rope "didn't" the customer get?



Answer: 18 inches. In measuring the first 18 feet, 3 inches were lost for each yard. There was no loss for the last 2 feet.

Illustrated by David Coulson

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 4 through 13 to fill in our Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 47. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.

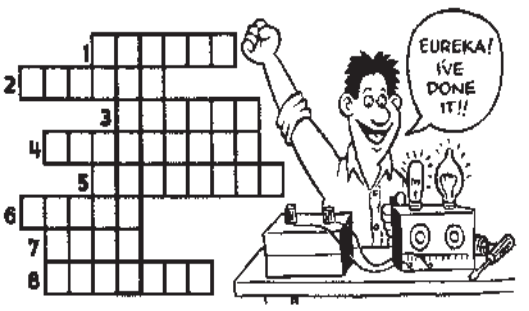
	14	18	
17			15
	20		
			19

[47]

Our answer: First row: 11, 14, 18, 4. Second row: 17, 5, 10, 15. Third row: 6, 20, 12, 9. Fourth row: 13, 8, 7, 19.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



AMERICAN GENIUSES! In this puzzle grid there is room for the names of eight famous American inventors. Below are hints to get you started. There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly name all of the inventors, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of the man who made radio possible.

1. He had over 1,000 patents.
2. He perfected the sewing machine.
3. Made sailing in calm weather easy.
4. Made a wheat harvesting machine.
5. Invented bifocal eyeglasses.
6. Made a machine for sending messages.
7. Had his ups and downs.
8. Invented a machine to clean cotton.

Answers: 1. (Thomas) Edison. 2. (Isaac) Singer. 3. (Robert) Fulton. 4. (Cyrus) McCormick. 5. (Ben) Franklin. 6. (Samuel) Morse. 7. (Elisha) Otis. 8. (Eli) Whitney. The famous radio inventor was (Lee) DeForest.

Kids' Maze

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Kids' Maze Solution

Even Exchange answers

1. Clover, Clever	6. Trades, Grades
2. Borrow, Burrow	7. Rusty, Dusty
3. Nurse, Norse	8. Scram, Scrap
4. Shock, Shack	9. Beauty, Beatty
5. Green, Greet	10. Peach, Perch

Puzzles4Kids Answer

SAMPLE	P	MALES
CANYON	O	NANCY
SENIOR	O	SIREN
SACRED	C	READS
ESTHER	H	STEER
TASTER	E	START
HATRED	D	EARTH

BEAKER	E	BREAK
RANGES	G	NEARS
ANGELS	G	LANES
GRASSY	S	GRAYS

Business

Ryan says health insurance mandate is part of tax talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Speaker Paul Ryan said Republicans are discussing whether their tax plan should include a repeal of the Obama health law's requirement that people have insurance coverage or face a penalty, a step pushed by President Donald Trump but seen by some GOP lawmakers as possibly imperiling a much-needed legislative victory.

It would be another shot at further undermining the Affordable Care Act after repeated failures by the GOP-led Congress to repeal and replace the law, as Trump has demanded and Republicans promised would happen after President Barack Obama left office and Republicans ran Washington.

The House Ways and Means Committee was set to begin work on the tax rewrite Monday, with the goal of full House consideration next week. The committee chairman, Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, has said including a repeal of the health law's individual mandate would be politically risky, given that the Senate has failed to pass health legislation in Trump's first year.

Ryan

Ryan, R-Wis., told "Fox News Sunday" that "a lot of members are suggesting" that the House include the repeal, though he did not weigh in personally on how to deal with the coverage mandate.

Equally as evasive was the second-ranking House GOP leader: "Well, I know people are talking about it," Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said on CBS'" Face the Nation." He added: "Look, my focus is on tax. As the individual mandate goes, I would not be opposed to that. But I want to see this bill go forward."

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that repealing the individual mandate would save $416 billion over a decade. The mandate provides a powerful incentive for people to get coverage before health problems arise. But the money represents a tempting revenue source for GOP tax-writers whose tax plan would add an estimated $1.5 trillion over 10 years to the national debt.

Rep. Mark Meadows, the chairman of the House Freedom Caucus, told ABC's "This Week" that revenue counted through the repeal could in turn be used to soften the blow from the expiration of various tax credits and elimination of the deduction for state income and sales taxes.

"We're advocating on behalf of that," said Meadows, R-N.C.

Trump tweeted last week: "Wouldn't it be great to Repeal the very unfair and unpopular Individual Mandate in ObamaCare and use those savings for further Tax Cuts for the Middle Class." And Brady said Friday that the president had spoken to him twice by phone and once in person, making the case for scraping the mandate.

"There are pros and cons to this. Importing health care into a tax reform debate does have consequences," Brady said last week.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said on ABC that "we should confine this to tax cuts and tax reform."

Saudi Arabia detains billionaire amid investment push

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Among those detained in Saudi Arabia, no name carries more power in Western financial markets than Prince Alwaleed bin Talal.

The prince, listed by Forbes as the richest Arab with $18.7 billion to his name, long has made big bets in the markets, holding major stakes in companies like Apple and CitiBank.

But his arrest now comes after Saudi Arabia hosted a major investment summit in Riyadh at one of the hotels now reportedly holding dozens of princes and former officials detained late Saturday in what authorities described as an anti-corruption campaign. How the world will view investing in the kingdom now, especially its upcoming initial public offering involving its state-run oil company, remains to be seen.

"This is going to cause some immediate apprehension in terms of investors looking at Saudi Arabia," said Graham Griffiths, a senior analyst at Control Risks focusing on Saudi Arabia. Prince Alwaleed "is someone who has been represented as a face of the kingdom, someone that a lot of people have done business with and are comfortable doing business with."

Prince Alwaleed, 62, is a major shareholder in Twitter, as well as an investor in ride-sharing services Lyft and Careem. He is also majority owner of the popular Rotana Group of Arabic satellite channels, and owns shares in the Four Seasons and Movenpick hotel chains.

It's unclear how his arrest will affect global financial markets, but it is already having an effect in the ultraconservative kingdom. Shares in his Kingdom Holding Co. fell 7.5 percent in trading Sunday to 9.50 riyals ($2.53) a share, despite it announcing profits of 247.5 million riyals ($66 million) in the third quarter.

The prince has not been afraid to make big bets and lose billions, including backing then-CitiBank CEO Vikram Pandit amid the 2008 financial crisis. He earlier rescued the bank when it was CitiCorp in 1991.

"I don't make mistakes. I make blunders," the prince told Vanity Fair in 2013. "When you make a mistake you lose $10 million, $50 million, $100 million, but when you make a mistake of $200 million to $500 million, or $1 billion, that's a blunder."

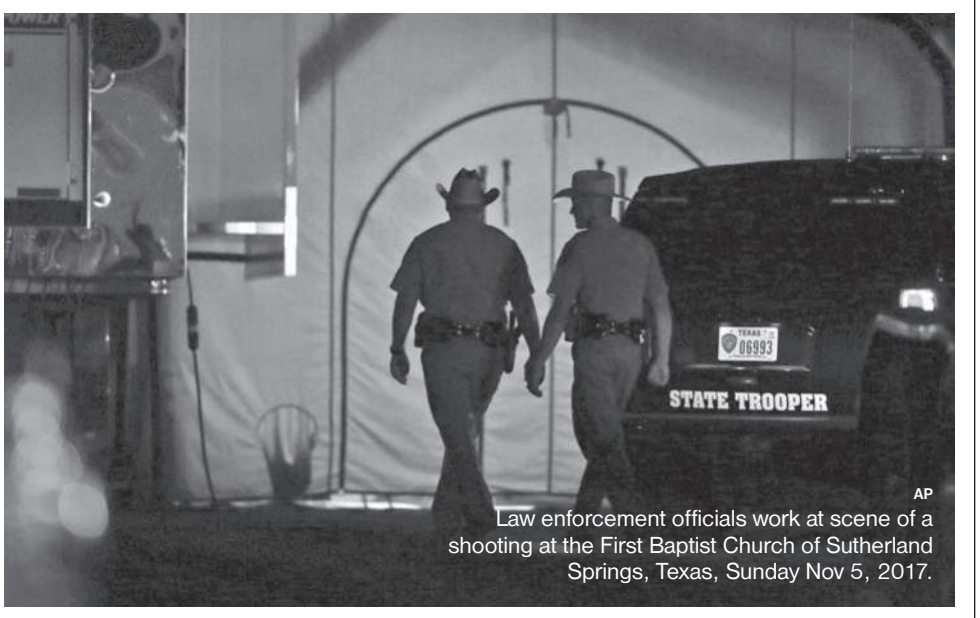
Saudi Arabia's King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman have eagerly embraced U.S. President Donald Trump. Trump has reciprocated, making the kingdom his first international trip

Trump also has tweeted and talked this weekend about his hope that Saudi Arabia will "strongly consider the New York Stock Exchange or NASDAQ or frankly anywhere else located in this country" to list its Saudi Arabian Oil Co.'s IPO. Saudi Arabia is expected to take a small portion of Saudi Aramco—which controls some of the world's largest oil reserves—public some time in 2018 in a dual listing at home and abroad.

London and other major cities with exchanges have also been vying for the international listing. However the state-owned oil giant's finances have long been opaque and there's reportedly been concerns that a public listing in New York or London, for example, could bring with it unwanted scrutiny and demands for transparency by shareholders.

Nation

26 killed in church attack



AP
Law enforcement officials work at scene of a shooting at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, Sunday Nov 5, 2017.

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP)—A man dressed in black tactical-style gear and armed with an assault rifle opened fire inside a church in a small South Texas community on Sunday, killing 26 people and wounding at least 16 others in what the governor called the deadliest mass shooting in the state's history. The dead ranged in age from 5 to 72 years old.

Authorities didn't identify the attacker during a news conference Sunday night, but two other officials—one a U.S. official and one in law enforcement—identified him as Devin Kelley. They spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the investigation.

The U.S. official said Kelley lived in a San Antonio suburb and didn't appear to be linked to organized terrorist groups. Investigators were looking at social media posts Kelley made in the days before Sunday's attack, including one that appeared to show an AR-15 semiautomatic weapon.

In a brief statement, the Pentagon confirmed he had served in the Air Force "at one point." Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said records show that Kelley served in Logistics Readiness at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico from 2010 until his discharge. The date of his discharge and the circumstances under which he left the service were not immediately available.

At the news conference, the attacker was described only as a white man in his 20s who was wearing black tactical gear and a ballistic vest when he pulled into a gas station across from the First Baptist Church around 11:20 a.m.

The gunman crossed the street and started firing a Ruger AR rifle at the church, said Freeman Martin, a regional director of the Texas Department of Safety, then continued firing after entering the white wood-frame building, where an 11 a.m. service was scheduled. As he left, he was confronted by an armed resident who chased him. A short time later, the suspect was found dead in his vehicle at the county line, Martin said.

Several weapons were found inside the vehicle and Martin said it was unclear if the attacker died of a self-inflicted wound or if he was shot by the resident who confronted him. He said investigators weren't ready to discuss a possible motive for the attack.

He said 23 of the dead were found dead in the church, two were found outside and one died after being taken to a hospital.

Addressing the news conference, Gov. Greg Abbott called the attack the worst mass shooting in Texas history. "There are no words to describe the pure evil that we witnessed in Sutherland Springs today," Abbott said. "Our hearts are heavy at the anguish in this small town, but in time of tragedy, we see the very best of Texas. May God comfort those who've lost a loved one, and may God heal the hurt in our communities."

Among those killed was the church pastor's 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle Pomeroy. Pastor Frank Pomeroy, and his wife, Sherri, were both out of town in two different states when the attack occurred, Sherri Pomeroy wrote in a text message to the AP.

"We lost our 14 year old daughter today and many friends," she wrote. "Neither of us has made it back into town yet to personally see the devastation. I am at the charlotte airport trying to get home as soon as i can."

Federal law enforcement swarmed the small rural community of a few hundred residents 30 miles southeast of San Antonio after the attack, including ATF investigators and members of the FBI's evidence collection team.

At least 16 wounded were taken to hospitals, hospital officials said, including eight taken by medical helicopter to the Brooke Army Medical Center. Another eight victims were taken to Connally Memorial Medical Center, located in Floresville about 10 miles from the church, including four who were later transferred to University Hospital in San Antonio for higher-level care, said spokeswoman Megan Posey.

Alena Berlanga, a Floresville resident who was monitoring the chaos on a police scanner and in Facebook community groups, said everyone knows everyone else in the sparsely populated county.

"This is horrific for our tiny little tight-knit town," Berlanga said. "Everybody's going to be affected and everybody knows someone who's affected."

Regina Rodriguez, who arrived at the church a couple of hours after the shooting, walked up to the police barricade and hugged a person she was with. She said her father, 51-year-old Richard Rodriguez, attends the church every Sunday, and she hadn't been able to reach him. She said she feared the worst.

Church member Nick Uhlig, 34, wasn't at Sunday's service, but he said his cousins were at the church and that his family was told at least one of them, a woman with three children and pregnant with another, was among the dead.

Asia

Trump pushes N. Korea issue

TOKYO (AP)—Putting a face on the threat posed by North Korea, President Donald Trump stood Monday with anguished families of Japanese citizens snatched by Pyongyang's agents, calling their abductions "a tremendous disgrace."

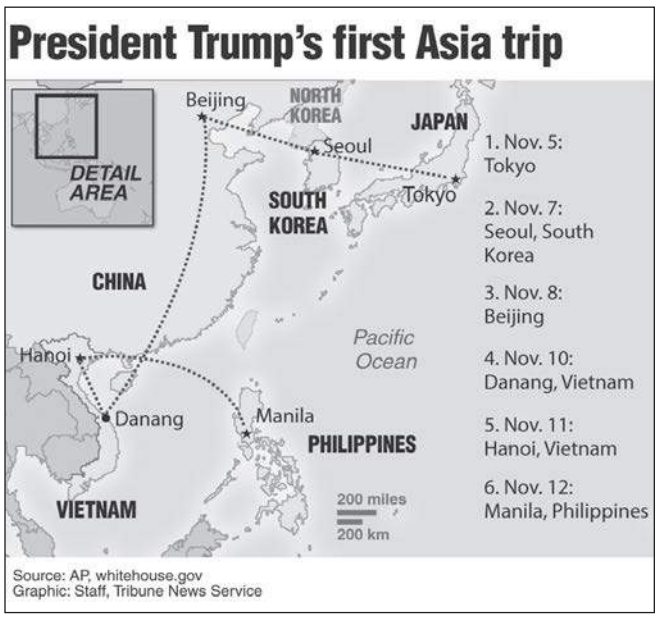
Trump pledged to work to return the missing to their families, intensifying the pressure on North Korean leader Kim Jong Un by elevating these heart-wrenching tales of loss to the international stage in hopes of pushing Pyongyang to end its provocative behavior toward American allies in the region.

"We've just heard the very sad stories about family members—daughters, wives, brothers uncles, fathers—it's a very, very sad number of stories that we've heard," Trump said. "They were abducted in all cases by North Korea and we will work with Prime Minister Abe on trying to get them back to their loved ones."

Trump and first lady Melania Trump stood with nearly two dozen relatives, some of whom held photos of the missing. North Korea has acknowledged apprehending 13 Japanese in the 1970s and 1980s, but claims they all died or have been released. But in Japan, where grieving relatives of the abducted have become a symbol of heartbreak on the scale of American POW families, the government insists many more were taken—and that some may still be alive.

Trump has delivered harsh denunciations of Kim, belittling him as "Little Rocket Man" and showing no sign of easing pressure even while in the very Asian capitals threatened by Pyongyang's missiles.

But Trump's message on the second day of his five-country Asian tour was overshadowed by another tragic shooting back home.



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Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Trump called the Texas church shooting that claimed at least 26 lives "an act of evil," denounced the violence in "a place of sacred worship" and pledged the full support of the federal government. He said that in a time of grief "Americans will do what we do best: we pull together and join hands and lock arms and through the tears and sadness we stand strong."

He ignored shouted questions from reporters about gun control.

North Korea has long been the critical issue looming over Trump's trip that will include direct talks with Trump's Chinese and Russian counterparts.

Trump and Abe, who has taken a more hawkish view on Pyongyang that some of his predecessors, voiced the same concern over the North's victims and repeatedly touted their close relationship over two days that included a round of golf, a hamburger with American beef and a couples' dinner at a teppanyaki restaurant.

Disagreements on trade could strain the friendship.

Trump complained Monday that Japan had been "winning" for decades and rebuked the current relationship, saying the trade deals were "not fair and not open." He told a group of American and Japanese business leaders: the United States was open for business, but he wanted to reshape the nations' trade relationship, though he did not say how he would cut the trade deficit with Japan, which totaled nearly $70 billion last year.

He also downplayed the potentially contentious nature of the negotiations, though the Japanese government has not shown much appetite for striking a new bilateral trade agreement. Tokyo had pushed to preserve the Trans- Pacific Partnership, which Trump has abandoned.

"We will have more trade than anybody ever thought under TPP. That I can tell you," Trump said. He said the multinational agreement was not the right deal for the United States and that while "probably some of you in this room disagree ... ultimately I'll be proven to be right."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Widow of slain Pakistani spy blames popular news anchor

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistani police have reopened an investigation into the killing of a former spy whose widow has alleged that a popular news anchor was behind his abduction. The news anchor, Hamid Mir, has denied the allegations, saying they are aimed at silencing him. Police officer Shafiq Ahmed on Sunday confirmed that the probe had been reopened, but said the family of the slain spy, Khalid Khawaja, has not provided any new evidence. Khawaja and another former spy went missing in March 2010. Their bodies were found the following month, and the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the killings. Critics have accused Mir of sympathizing with the Taliban because of his contacts with the group. Mir, who was the target of a failed Taliban bombing last year, denies supporting the group.

9 people drown in eastern India's Bihar state

NEW DELHI (AP)—At least nine people have drowned in two separate incidents in eastern India's Bihar state. Police officer Sunil Kumar says five boys aged 9-12 and one woman, all from a single extended family, drowned Sunday in the Ganges River while on a picnic near Patna, the state capital. They were swept away by the strong current. The Press Trust of India news agency reported that three other people drowned when their boat capsized Sunday in the Sarswati River in the state's Samastipur district. Such incidents occur frequently in India, where few people use life jackets. On Saturday, three people were killed and six others were injured in a stampede during a Hindu bathing ritual in the Ganges River in Begusarai town in Bihar state.

World

Catalan 5 get conditional freedom

BRUSSELS (AP)—Ousted Catalan president Carles Puigdemont and four close separatist allies regained their freedom at the end of a tumultuous Sunday that started when they surrendered in Brussels to face possible extradition to Spain for allegedly plotting a rebellion.

But a Brussels investigative judge quickly ruled there was no reason to put the five politicians behind bars and released them on condition they stay in Belgium and attend their court sessions within two weeks.

AP
Demonstrators holding banners that read in Catalan: "Freedom for the Political Prisoners", gather during a protest against the decision of a judge to jail ex-members of the Catalan government at the University square in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017.

Hours after the former Catalan regional president and four ex-ministers turned themselves in to Belgian authorities, Puigdemont's party put him forward as its leader for an upcoming regional election called by the Spanish government—meaning he could end up vocally heading a campaign from Brussels while he fights a forced return to Spain.

The decision was rife with implications for Spain and political consequences for Catalonia, the restive Spanish region fighting Madrid for independence.

The five Catalan politicians who fled to Belgium after Spanish authorities removed them from office Oct. 28 were taken into custody Sunday on European arrest warrants issued after they failed to show up in Madrid last week for questioning.

In Belgium, even the prosecutor didn't think it was necessary to detain the five after Puigdemont made it amply clear he would fully cooperate with Belgian authorities.

"The request made this afternoon by the Brussels' Prosecutor's Office for the provisional release of all persons sought has been granted by the investigative judge," a statement from the prosecutor's office said.

The office said the whole extradition process could take more than 60 days, well past the Dec. 21 date set for the regional election in Catalonia.

Puigdemont and the four ex-ministers left for Belgium last week as the Spanish government, seeking to quash Catalan separatists' escalating steps to secede, applied constitutional authority to take over running the region.

The officials said they wanted to make their voices heard in the heart of the European Union and have refused to return to Spain, maintaining they could not get fair trials there.

Nine other deposed Catalan Cabinet members heeded a Spanish judge's summons for questioning in Madrid on Thursday. After questioning them, the judge ordered eight of them to jail without bail while her investigation continues. The ninth spent a night behind bars before posting bail and being released.

Saudi arrest consolidates power grab

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—Saudi Arabia's heir to the throne is overseeing an unprecedented wave of arrests of dozens of the country's most powerful princes, military officers, influential businessmen and government ministers—some potential rivals or critics of the crown prince now consolidating his power.

Among those taken into custody overnight Saturday in the purported anti-corruption sweep were billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, one of the world's richest men with extensive holdings in Western companies, as well as two of the late King Abdullah's sons.

The arrest of senior princes upends a longstanding tradition among the ruling Al Saud family to keep their disagreements private in an effort to show strength and unity in the face of Saudi Arabia's many tribes and factions. It also sends a message that the 32-year-old crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, has the full backing of his father, King Salman, to carry out sweeping anti-corruption reforms targeting senior royals and their business associates, who have long been seen as operating above the law.

Reports suggested those detained were being held at the Ritz Carlton in Riyadh, which only days earlier hosted a major investment conference that the crown prince attended with global business titans. A Saudi official told The Associated Press that other five-star hotels across the capital were also being used to hold some of those arrested.

The Ritz Carlton had no availability for bookings until Dec. 1, 2017—a possible sign that an investigation of this scale could take weeks. Marriott International said in a statement that it is currently evaluating the situation at the Ritz-Carlton in Riyadh, but declined to comment further, citing privacy concerns.

A Saudi government official with close ties to security forces said 11 princes and 38 others were being questioned. The official spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The surprise arrests were immediately hailed by pro-government media outlets as the clearest sign yet that Prince Mohammed is keeping his promise to reform the country, wean its economy from its dependence on oil and liberalize some aspects of the ultraconservative society.

The kingdom's top council of clerics issued a public statement overnight saying it is an Islamic duty to fight corruption—essentially giving religious backing to the high-level arrests.

It's unclear if the U.S. had any advance word of the arrests. President Donald Trump's son-in-law and White House adviser Jared Kushner and others made an unannounced trip recently to Riyadh. Earlier on Saturday, Trump said he spoke to King Salman, though the White House readout of that call did not include any reference to the impending arrests.

Life & Style

2018 Chevrolet Traverse offers up minivan function in SUV form

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TNS
The redesigned 2018 Chevy Traverse is one of the few three-row crossovers as convenient as the minivan with the looks of something like an SUV.

Minivan haters, SUV lovers, take heart: The redesigned 2018 Chevy Traverse is one of the few three-row crossovers as convenient as the minivan with the looks of something like an SUV.

With its first full redesign since it was introduced nine years ago, the new Traverse grows into its role as midsize crossover while trimming 350 pounds. It's designed to look more like the full-size utilitarian giants known as the Suburban and Tahoe. The rounded, pod-like edges of the old Traverse, which bore many minivan comparisons, have been swapped out for boxier ends and a broader, wider grille for an overall more rugged character. It's more than half a foot longer than its most spacious competitors in the new Volkswagen Atlas and the 2017 Honda Pilot.

Inside is where the car's personality shines. The added length gives second row passengers more space, the third row can actually fit two adults and the cargo space in back is functionally large. Reports of the Traverse shrinking in volume are misreported, Chevy says: The SAE recommended a new way of measuring cargo volume behind the front seats that if compared with the 2017 would result in 7 percent greater interior volume. Whatever the case, it feels like one of the largest in its class. The minivan generally has more vertical space back there, but that's also why it looks like a turd on wheels.

We fit our hockey bag, basketball bag and hauled half a team without having to reconfigure seats or put gear in their laps. We can't say the same for some full-size or luxury SUVs. Third-row seats fold down with a simple two-action process: pull the strap, push the seat. Headrests fold themselves.

In the second row, safety meets minivan-type convenience. Sensing that sliding doors can't be sexy, Chevy made a sliding seat that tilts forward so a front-facing child seat can stay put as third-row passengers slide easily in and out. The opening feels as big as a minivan. The tilting seat is only available on the passenger side for curbside drop-off safety. Pulling the truck-like latch and sliding the seat forward will take both hands for most kids; an adult can one-hand it.

Well-integrated technology convenience abounds as well. There are up to seven USB ports, an available wireless charger, 4G Wi-Fi hotspot for unlimited data at $20/month and a power liftgate button on the driver's door to open the gate at various heights. Simple, subtle, convenient.

Chevy's infotainment system is the best of mainstream makes. The dynamic dash display being accessible by steering wheel controls and high-fidelity voice commands means the touchscreen doesn't need much touching. The cabin in top-of-the-line Premier trim is cushioned with black, soft-touch materials. It's modest and understated, like the exterior.

The Traverse is powered by an efficient 310-horsepower V-6 engine mated to a smooth 9-speed automatic transmission. It's responsive, capable and quiet, even with the panoramic sunroof as equipped in the tester. While other 9-speeds have gotten off to shaky starts, Chevy's does the job without whine or hesitation, almost as unnoticeable as an automatic can be.

The big knock on the new Traverse is the price tag. Starting out reasonable at just over $30,000, the near top-of-the-line Premier trim in front-wheel drive is $44,450, about six to seven percent more than the Atlas, Explorer and Pilot in similar configurations. For minivan function in SUV form, the new Traverse may be worth the price if a little more legroom and extra cargo room hits your sweet spot.

NUTS & BOLTS

2018 CHEVY TRAVERSE PREMIER AT A GLANCE

- **Vehicle type:** 3-row midsize SUV
- **Base price:** $44,450
- **As tested:** $47,015
- **EPA MPG:** 18 city, 27 highway
- **Engine:** 3.6-liter V-6
- **Transmission:** 9-speed automatic

Remove sap, kill bugs with one fell spray

By BOB WEBER
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Q: I have a suggestion, not a question. I have evergreen trees hanging over my driveway and the tree sap on the vehicle is hard to remove. I tried a variety of products and had little success. But what seems to work is Off! insect repellent in the orange spray can. Spray it on, wait a few seconds and wipe it off. Then clean with soap and water. It doesn't seem to harm the paint.

A: Maybe the SC Johnson company should begin marketing it as Sap-Off. We are going to file this tip along with the ones suggesting toothpaste to clean discolored headlight lenses.

Q: Let's say I need to slam on the brakes but the pedal won't work, so I quick pull back hard on the hand brake ... what happens? Which wheels brake? Do the wheels lock and the car skids? Will the car be brought to a rapid, safe stop?

A: The rear wheels will lock up and the car will go into a spin. It is known as a bootleg turn or handbrake turn and competition drivers use it to their advantage, knowing precisely when to release the hand brake and accelerate. It is a quick way to make a 180-degree turn in a small area. Do not try this at home!

Q: I have a 2010 Mazda3 hatch with an "auto-manual" transaxle. Normally I use "D" and let the car select its own gear settings. Once in a while when approaching a suburban stoplight at 30-35 mph, I switch to "M" (manual) and flick the lever to physically downshift to 3rd then to 2nd gear and have the engine slow the car for four or five seconds before using the brakes. The owner's book says that the system will prevent me from taking this action if the engine or vehicle speed is too high to be done safely. What's the trade-off on engine wear and fuel economy vs. brake pad life (or any other considerations) between the two methods?

A: This is a feature becoming more common on many cars and some even have paddle shifters on the steering wheel to make shifting more convenient. Similar systems are the norm for Formula 1 racing, making shifts much faster than a human can with leg and arm. But race cars have manual gearboxes plus a single- or dual-disc clutch. Your car has a fully automatic transmission and all you are doing is activating the shift solenoids instead of allowing the computer to do so. You won't hurt or help anything and, as you noted, the computer will not allow the shift if the engine speed is not correct. So, go ahead and have fun.

Q: I recently had to replace an A/C blower in my 2015 Subaru Outback. The dealership said my cabin filter needed to be replaced. I replaced it; it was a charcoal cabin filter, which may have appeared dirty to the technician. Is it worth the extra money to buy a cabin filter with charcoal?

A: We prefer the activated charcoal filters. Not only do they filter particulates such as dust and pollen, they trap many exhaust fumes and other objectionable outside odors.

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McDonald's Middle Road employees are in full Halloween regalia. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The winners of the Best Costume of the Night. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

McDonald's joins in on Halloween fun

McDonald's owner/operator Marcia Ayuyu, left, joins costumed staff for pictures. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

In $121M debut, 'Thor: Ragnarok' and Disney flex their might

NEW YORK (AP)—"Thor: Ragnarok" thundered to one of the year's best box-office debuts with an estimated $121 million domestically, proving again—just as its flexing its muscle—the might of the Walt Disney Co.

The robust debut for Marvel's third "Thor" movie was a welcome shot in the arm for Hollywood and theater owners who have suffered through a terrible October at the box office. "Thor: Ragnarok" also bucked the trend of diminishing returns for sequels. The 2011 "Thor" debuted with $65.7 million; 2013's "Thor: The Dark World" opened with $85.7 million.

"In this business, it's not often you see the second and third installments in the franchise outpacing the previous issue," said David Hollis, Disney's distribution chief. "You don't expect never-ending returns when it comes to sequels, but it definitely speaks to the quality of the talent at the Marvel Studios team and the way they're thinking about each film out of the gate."

The weekend's other new nationwide release, STX Entertainment's "A Bad Moms Christmas," opened with $17 million over the weekend and $21.6 million since opening Wednesday, according to studio estimates Sunday. The holiday-themed sequel, which returns stars Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell and Kathryn Hahn, came in shy of the 2016 original's $23.8 million opening.

But the big story was "Thor," which also grossed $151.4 million in its second week of international release. The film has, in 10 days, made $427 million worldwide.

Disney isn't alone in being able to roll out such blockbusters but three of the year's five $100 million-plus releases are theirs. (Disney's other two are "Beauty and the Beast" and "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2") The studio has recently, as reported by The Wall Street Journal earlier this week, pushed new terms to theater owners, saying it will demand a 65 percent cut of ticket sales for its upcoming "Star Wars" film "The Last Jedi," as opposed to the more typical 60 percent.

It's often been feast or famine this year at the box office. August was historically dismal, September swung to record-breaking highs, and October again badly slumped with the lowest overall gross in a decade. The year is running down 4.8 percent off last year's record pace according to comScore.

1. **"Thor: Ragnarok,"** $121 million ($151.4 million international).
2. **"A Bad Moms Christmas,"** $17 million.
3. **"Jigsaw,"** $6.7 million.
4. **"Tyler Perry's Boo 2!"** $4.7 million.
5. **"Geostorm,"** $3 million.
6. **"Happy Death Day,"** $2.8 million.
7. **"Thank You For Your Service,"** $2.3 million.
8. **"Blade Runner 2049,"** $2.2 million.
9. **"Only the Brave,"** $1.9 million.
10. **"Let There Be Light,"** $1.6 million.

The huge "Thor" opening also cements the unlikely breakthrough of New Zealand director Taika Waititi, who shepherded the $180 million production to Marvel's best reviews since 2008's "Iron Man." The movie scored a 93 percent fresh rating from Rotten Tomatoes and an "A" CinemaScore from audiences.

Waititi, 42, is a veteran of the cult comedy series "Flight of the Concords" and has previously directed largely offbeat irreverent indies like the deadpan vampire tale "What We Do in the Shadows" and the oddball outlaw comedy "Hunt for the Wilderpeople."

But the makers of some franchise tentpoles have increasingly turned to more irreverent filmmakers to lend their blockbusters a more comic swagger. The results have been mixed. Phil Lord and Chris Miller departed the stand-alone Han Solo film after creative disagreements, as did original "Ant-man" helmer Edgar Wright.

Yet "Thor: Ragnarok," from a screenplay by Eric Pearson, had no such troubles in returning Chris Hemsworth in the titular role along with franchise regular Tom Hiddleston as Loki. Also brought in was Mark Ruffalo's Hulk, Tessa Thompson as Valkyrie and Cate Blanchett, as the film's villain, Hela.

Former Disney star Ross Lynch goes very dark in film role

Lynch

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Disney star Ross Lynch has taken on one of the toughest film assignments you can get—making a cannibalistic serial killer likable.

The "Austin and Ally" star plays Jeffrey Dahmer in "My Friend Dahmer" as a high school student, long before he went on his murderous rampages.

"Although you know he's going to become a serial killer, it's not hard to think of him as a human because he once was. And really, our film takes place at the time when he's losing his humanity, when he's becoming this monster. So, we have to start with him with his humanity," said Lynch.

The 21-year-old actor admits he wasn't familiar with Dahmer, who raped, murdered, and dismembered 17 men and boys. He died in prison in 1994.

"Once you start reading one sentence about Jeffrey Dahmer, it usually leads to hours of researching the things that he did because they're unbelievable, like the definition of the word unbelievable," Lynch said.

While the new role was a radical departure for Lynch—he made a name on the music-filled comedy for Disney—he knew it was important for his growth as an actor.

Ben Affleck says he wants to be 'part of the solution'

AP
Actor Ben Affleck poses for photographers at a photo call to promote the film 'Justice League', in London, Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017.

LONDON (AP)—Ben Affleck says the storm of sexual harassment allegations engulfing Hollywood has led him to examine his own behavior.

In an interview Sunday with The Associated Press for the superhero film "Justice League," Affleck said he's "looking at my own behavior ad addressing that and making sure I'm part of the solution."

After condemning Harvey Weinstein's actions last month, Affleck was forced to defend his own conduct. He apologized for groping the actress Hilarie Burton on camera in 2003 when she was a host on MTV's "Total Request Live." Another video from 2004 showed Affleck pulling Montreal TV host Anne-Marie Losique onto his lap.

Speaking Sunday, Affleck said two things need to happen, that "more women need to be pushed to power" and that sexual harassment has to also be "a men's issue" where guys call out inappropriate behavior.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Son of Richard Dreyfuss says Kevin Spacey groped him in 2008

NEW YORK (AP)—Harry Dreyfuss, the son of actor Richard Dreyfuss says Kevin Spacey groped him in 2008, adding another allegation to the mounting claims against the "House of Cards" actor. In a guest column published Saturday by Buzzfeed, Harry Dreyfuss said the occurrence took place while his father was rehearsing at Spacey's London apartment for the play "Complicit" at the Old Vic theater. Dreyfuss was 18 at the time. He said he didn't tell his father about the encounter for several years. An attorney for Spacey didn't immediately respond to messages Sunday. Netflix on Friday cut ties with Spacey after numerous allegations of sexual harassment and assault were leveled against the 58-year-old actor. London police are reportedly investigating Spacey for a 2008 sexual assault.

'Tonight Show' tapings cancelled after Fallon's mother dies

NEW YORK (AP)—Tapings for "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" have been cancelled all this week following the death of the talk show host's mother. NBC said Sunday that repeat episodes will be shown from Monday to Friday. A spokeswoman for Fallon said his mother, Gloria Fallon, died Saturday at a New York City hospital with her son and other family by her side. She was 68. Fallon told The Associated Press through his spokeswoman that he lost his "biggest fan." "The Tonight Show" had canceled its episode Friday, following reports of a family matter. Gloria Fallon had attended the taping of her son's first night hosting "The Tonight Show" in 2014. Jimmy Fallon has also featured his mom in the show's hashtag segment, #MomQuotes.

Harvard honoring Elton John for efforts to fight HIV, AIDS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Elton John is being honored at Harvard University for his philanthropic efforts to fight HIV and AIDS. The 70-year-old singer will be awarded the Harvard Foundation's Peter J. Gomes Humanitarian Award in a ceremony Monday afternoon. Previous winners include former South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and former Secretaries General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon, Kofi Annan, Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Javier Perez de Cuellar. John, who runs an AIDS foundation, calls the award "both gratifying and tremendously humbling." He says he remains committed to "sustain and grow the progress we've made to eradicate stigma and end the spread of HIV/AIDS, once and for all."

Kevin Hart gets serious, beats Tiki Barber in NYC Marathon

NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Hart got serious about training for the New York City Marathon. So serious, he beat former New York Giants running back Tiki Barber. The comedian and actor posted a video on Instagram that says "Marathon complete. Got my gold medal. It's an amazing feeling. I can check this goal off my list." He finished his first NYC marathon in 4 hours, 5 minutes, 6 seconds. He'll have some bragging rights on Barber, running 33 minutes faster than the 42-year-old retired football player turned broadcaster. The 38-year-old Hart says he "cramped real bad after Mile 20" but immediately set another goal of running more marathons. Kathrine Switzer ran her first NYC marathon since winning the title in 1974. The 70-year-old author and marathon commentator finished in 4:48:21. Switzer was the first woman to run the Boston Marathon in 1967. She used her initials because women weren't allowed to enter the event.

Auction house says $700K sale for Prince's guitar a record

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A bidding war resulted in a $700,000 price tag for a Prince guitar—the highest price ever paid for one of the late icon's guitars, according to Julien's Auctions. The blue teal "Cloud" guitar went far above the $60,000 to $80,000 expected at the Saturday auction. The guitar was one of several items up for sale by rock legends. A Michael Jackson black and white rhinestone glove sold for $102,000 while a red snakeskin jacket in the mold of the one he wore in his "Beat It" video sold for $118,000. A MTV Video Music Award Moonman won by Kurt Cobain went for $62,500; a Nehru shirt worn by Jimmy Hendrix sold for $106,000, and handwritten lyrics to David Bowie's "Starman" was sold for $81,000.

Prankster tosses yellow dye into Lincoln Center's fountain

NEW YORK (AP)—A prankster has thrown yellow dye into the fountain at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Photos posted on social media Saturday show lemon-yellow water gushing from the fountain, which sits in front of the Metropolitan Opera and is a popular tourist attraction that has been featured in movies including "Moonstruck" and "Ghostbusters." The Daily News reports the fountain was turned off after suddenly changing color Saturday afternoon. A Lincoln Center spokeswoman says security notified the police, who are looking for the prankster. She says the fountain is being cleaned.

Man who lost his 'spark' gets inspiration from readers

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to "Wallowing in the North" (June 16), who has had a wonderful life and has accomplished all the goals he set out for himself at age 56, but now feels no "spark" to carry on. Abby, he's in a unique position to help someone else who hasn't had all those advantages in life.

He could foster a child and enlighten that child about a world he/she might never know without his help. Wouldn't it spark something inside him to see a child's reactions to things the writer may have experienced a hundred times and took for granted? There's so much ugliness and anger in this world. He could play a small part in turning that around.

Or, if helping a child isn't for him, there are many other wonderful causes to get involved in -- aiding a cancer patient in hospice, being involved in protecting the environment, helping a small business—the list is endless and the need is so great. Any of these endeavors could help him relight his spark. Finding meaning in life can be as simple as extending a hand to someone who can really use it.

FOUND MY SPARK

DEAR FOUND: You and many other readers offered wonderful suggestions. I appreciate the spirit of helpfulness in which readers responded, hoping to inspire the writer of that letter. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: Tell "Wallowing" to pick up a course catalog from his local community college and enroll in some classes. He can take art and learn to paint, sculpt or make ceramics; study photography and learn to shoot better pictures; take woodworking and build furniture; take an American Sign Language class and volunteer to work with the deaf; or sign up for a foreign language, culinary or film appreciation course.

I'm just scratching the surface because community colleges have something for everyone. I have taught in one and been an administrator. It's a wonderful place to "find" yourself, whether you're 18, 88—or 56.

DIANA IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: If "Wallowing" is truly tired of dealing with most people, he may want to begin connecting with nature. He could plant or nurture a garden, or install a few birdhouses and let the birds happily serenade him each day. Engaging with nature can change a person for the better and can also change the lives of those around you.

NATURE LOVER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ABBY: I would like to suggest "Wallowing" talk to his doctor about his testosterone level. I did it, and it boosted my self-esteem, drive and energy.

ROGER IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR ABBY: May I suggest he have his vitamin D levels checked? I, too, experienced a loss of desire/passion for life when I was close to his age. Turned out, my vitamin D levels were extremely low. Once I started taking a supplement, my interest and excitement in life returned.

BEEN THROUGH IT IN KANSAS CITY

DEAR ABBY: Your advice should have included becoming active in a church, synagogue or charitable organization. Helping others, whether locally or on a mission trip, yields three results: It has a positive impact on those being helped, it increases the giver's sense of self-worth, and it reminds us how blessed we truly are.

LOVER OF LIFE IN TEXAS

DEAR LOVER AND DEAR READERS: Amen!

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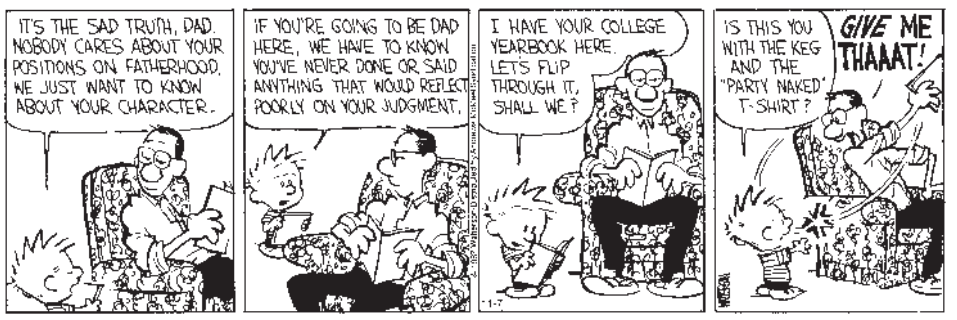
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


IT'S THE SAD TRUTH, DAD. NOBODY CARES ABOUT YOUR POSITIONS ON FATHERHOOD. WE JUST WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHARACTER.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE DAD HERE, WE HAVE TO KNOW YOU'VE NEVER DONE OR SAID ANYTHING THAT WOULD REFLECT POORLY ON YOUR JUDGMENT.
I HAVE YOUR COLLEGE YEARBOOK HERE. LET'S FLIP THROUGH IT, SHALL WE?
IS THIS YOU WITH THE KEG AND THE "PARTY NAKED" T-SHIRT?
GIVE ME THAAAT!

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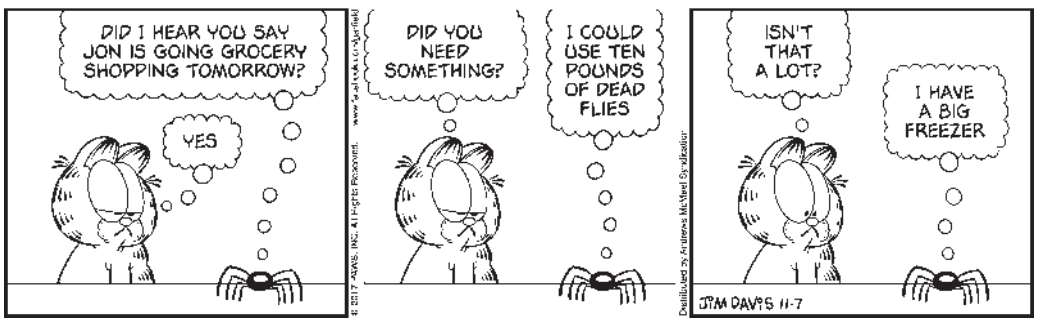
By Jim Davis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YES
DID YOU NEED SOMETHING?
I COULD USE TEN POUNDS OF DEAD FLIES
ISN'T THAT A LOT?
I HAVE A BIG FREEZER
JIM DAVIS 11-7

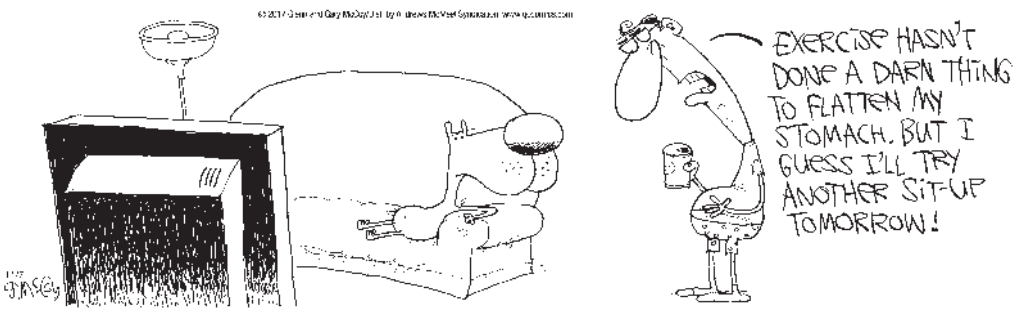
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

LET'S GO GET STUFF TO MAKE CHILI.
BUT IT'S SO COLD!
TRUST ME. ALL YOU NEED IS A BOWL OF ADAM NEWMAN'S WORLD-FAMOUS CHILI.
I'VE HAD CHILI, DAD.
PSSH. YOU'VE HAD MOM'S CHILI. DON'T TELL HER I SAID THIS, BUT...
"DAD CHILI KICKS MOM CHILI'S RUMP."
OH. IT IS ON.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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5 Weep
8 Bargain
12 "Garfield" dog
13 Fish eggs
14 "Othello" villain
15 Chorus syllables
16 Stress
18 Certain Arab state
20 Starts the bidding
21 "The Simpsons" bartender
22 "The Bells" author
23 Beach accessory
26 Catherine, notably
30 Discoverer's call
31 "Mayday!"
32 Camp bed
33 "Nature" essayist
36 — Island
38 Granola grain
39 Sundial numeral
40 Leg bone
43 Trade ban
47 Love and hate
49 Skater Lipinski
50 "Clair de —"
51 Caustic solution
52 "Topaz" author
53 Despot
54 Chow down
55 Faxed

DOWN
1 Burrowing critter
2 Wax-coated cheese
3 Leslie Caron film
4 "Heavens!"
5 El Greco's birthplace
6 Apple variety
7 "Uh-huh"
8 Bum wrap?
9 Lighten
10 Opposite of "fer"
11 Privation
17 Basketball target
19 "You've got mail" co.
22 Evening hrs.
23 Water tester
24 Resistance unit
25 Misery
26 A billion years
27 Green prefix
28 Lay down the lawn
29 Sault — Marie
31 Drunkard
34 Wi-Fi supplier
35 Ganges wrap
36 Tease
37 Gap
39 "No more for me, thanks"
40 Fedora fabric
41 Flightless birds
42 "— Lisa"
43 New Age singer
44 Exceptional
45 Cheshire countenance
46 Brewer's kiln
48 Flamenco cheer

Solution time: 22 mins.

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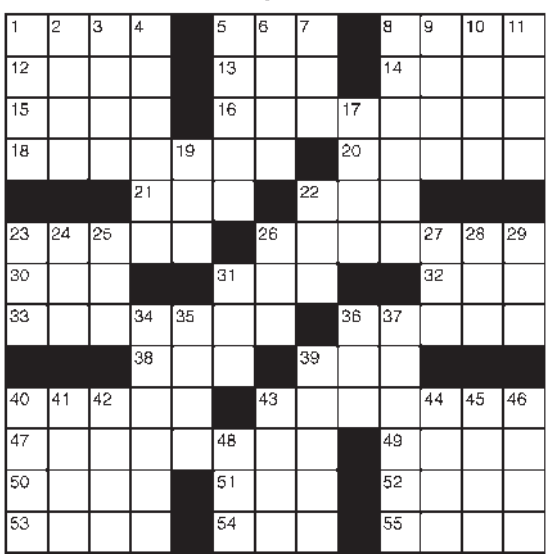

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Happy Birthday: Aim to make positive personal changes to your life. Opportunity is heading your way and much can be accomplished if you set your mind to it. Joint ventures, settlements and physical self-improvement should be a priority. Focus on your relationships and the lifestyle you choose to follow. An interest you have should be developed and marketed. Your numbers are 10, 17, 24, 29, 32, 40, 47.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Be attentive and listen carefully to any complaints that crop up. Being understanding and offering sound advice will end up doing more for you than complaining or criticizing someone you love. Offer a helping hand. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Discuss relationship issues before you're faced with a major catastrophe. Maintain your bargaining power by being civil and willing to compromise as well as ready to offer legitimate solutions to existing problems. Physical improvements are featured and romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Put everything you've got into finishing what you start. Being responsible and living up to what's expected of you will help your relationships with those you work with. Someone from your past will make a difference to your future. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Channel your emotional energy into something enjoyable. A shopping spree or an outing with your best friends will be engaging as well as informative. Personal improvements will make you feel good about the way you look and feel. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* You'll have to pay more attention to what's going on in your own backyard. Taking care of your domestic responsibilities will lead to positive change. A chance to make a difference in the life of someone you care about will be worth your while. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A change may not be anticipated or welcome, but if you go with the flow, you will come out on top. Recognizing what's happening will give you greater options to make the most of whatever situation comes your way. ✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Uncertainty should be your reminder to gather more information and make a decision that will keep you from spinning your wheels. Procrastination won't lead to success. Change will help you move forward and excel. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Draw on past experience and touch base with old friends. The memories that surface will help you make a decision about how to best use your skills, money and connections to excel. Romance and personal gain are highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Helping others is honorable, but don't let anyone take you for granted. Be creative and come up with a plan that suggests what should be done and how to split up the jobs and responsibilities. Teamwork is favored. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Your powers of persuasion will be in top form. Dedicate time to discussing what you want and expect from others. Having incentives to spice up whatever deal you are trying to make will ensure you get your way. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Take better care of your personal health and your emotional state of mind. Stressing out over money matters will not help the situation. Use your intelligence and make decisions based on what you are capable of doing. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Take control when it comes to negotiations or joint endeavors. Speak your mind, but remember to listen as well. Showing compassion and understanding will win you points and give you the upper hand when it's time to make a decision. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are perceptive, kind and creative. You are unique and resourceful.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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CARLITO A. BUSTILLOS RESPONDENT	)	SUMMONS

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/s/ Clerk of Court

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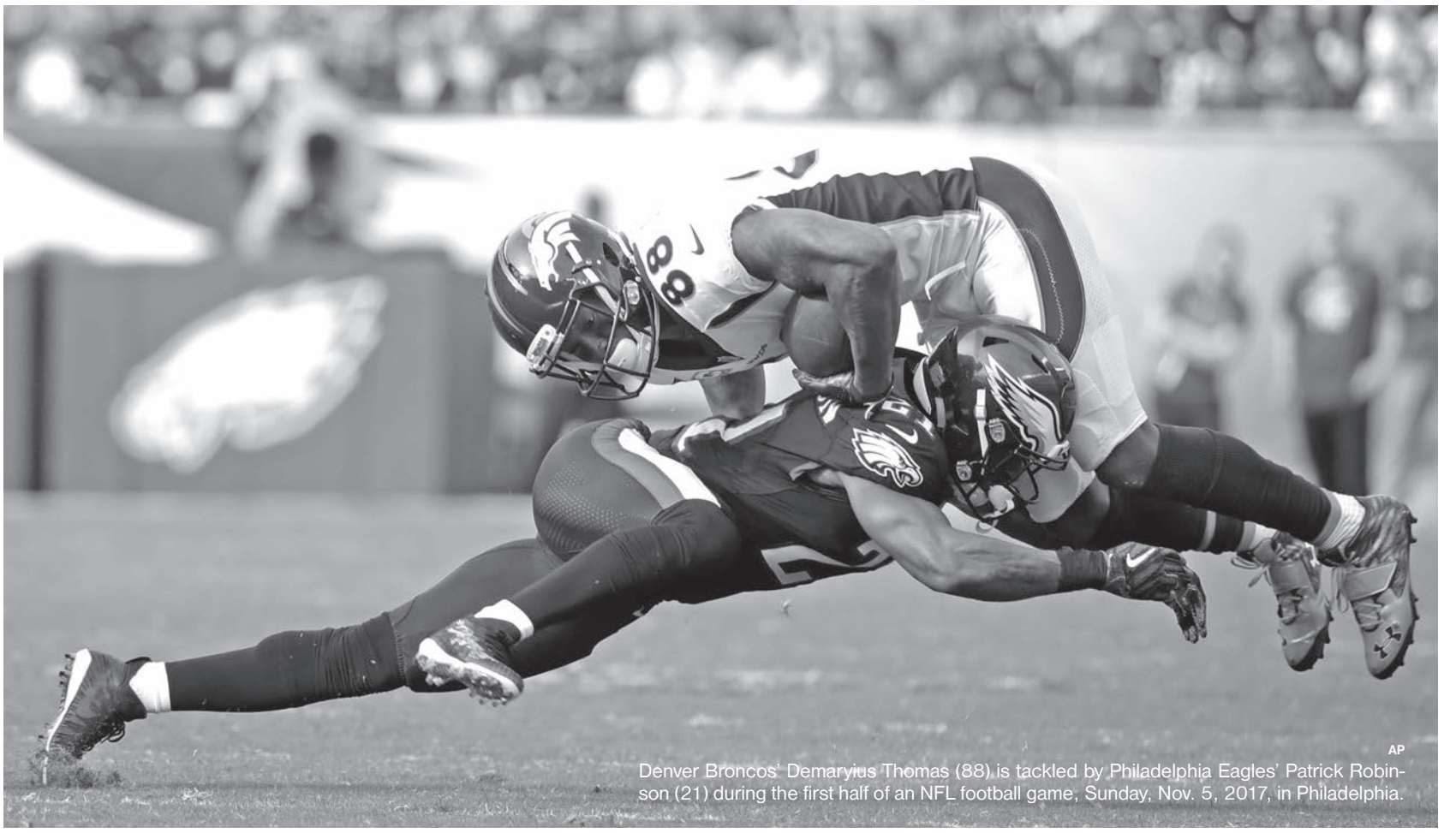

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Denver Broncos' Demaryius Thomas (88) is tackled by Philadelphia Eagles' Patrick Robinson (21) during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Carson Wentz and the Philadelphia Eagles are rolling into their bye week with the best record in the NFL. Von Miller and the Denver Broncos are going the opposite way.

Wentz plans to go hunting during his time off, and his teammates have various mini-vacations scheduled. When they return to face the Dallas Cowboys on Nov. 18, they'll be in the same spot atop the standings.

"This is a special group," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said. "We're 8-1 for a reason and we don't need to go backward now. This is a good week for us to get healthy and make a push."

Wentz tossed four touchdown passes, Corey Clement had three scores, and the Eagles routed Denver 51-23 on Sunday.

The Broncos (3-5) return home to face defending Super Bowl champion New England (6-2) looking to snap a four-game losing streak.

"We're not a good football team right now," Miller said. "The positive thing is we still have time. We still have time to be great."

The Eagles dismantled the league's top-ranked defense, racking up 419 yards, to win their seventh straight game. Yet, Wentz sees room for improvement.

"Absolutely, we're never going to settle," he said. "Always things to learn from. I think we can keep getting better."

Brock Osweiler couldn't get the Broncos on track in his first start since rejoining the team in September. He threw two interceptions and coach Vance Joseph wouldn't commit to a sticking with him.

Redskins 17, Seahawks 14

In Seattle, Kirk Cousins drove Washington 70 yards in 35 seconds, capped by Rob Kelley's 1-yard touchdown run with less than a minute remaining, to stun Seattle.

Seattle (5-3) took a 14-10 lead with 1:34 remaining after Russell Wilson found Doug Baldwin for a 30-yard touchdown pass after the Seahawks had scuffled on offense all day. But Cousins had an unexpected answer.

Taking over at his 30-yard line, Cousins hit Brian Quick for 31 yards and Josh Doctson for 38 on consecutive throws to get to the Seattle 1 with 1:02 left. Doctson beat rookie Shaquill Griffin down the sideline and made an impressive diving catch. Kelley bulled his way in from the 1 on the next play.

Cowboys 28, Chiefs 17

In Arlington, Ezekiel Elliott ran for the go-ahead touchdown after another reprieve from his six-game suspension, and Dallas overcame Tyreek Hill's improbable last-play touchdown in the first half to beat Kansas City.

Elliott's 2-yard plunge in the third quarter came after the Chiefs turned a 14-3 deficit into a 17-14 advantage, sparked by Hill's weaving 57-yard catch with the first-half clock expired and seven Dallas defenders inside their 25 trying to prevent the score.

Last year's NFL rushing champion as a rookie, Elliott had 93 yards, ending a streak of three straight 100-yard games but outgaining Kareem Hunt, this year's rushing leader in his first season entering the game.

Cardinals 20, 49ers 10

In Santa Clara, Adrian Peterson carried a career-high 37 times for 159 yards and Drew Stanton threw two touchdown passes to lead Arizona past winless San Francisco.

Peterson, 32, was a workhorse in his third game with the Cardinals (4-4). He posted the most carries ever for a player in his 30s and topped the 100-yard mark for the second time since being acquired in a trade from New Orleans last month.

Peterson's tough running and Stanton's pair of first-half touchdown passes were enough to help Arizona bounce back from a 33-0 loss to the Rams before last week's bye.

Jaguars 23, Bengals 7

In Jacksonville, With A.J. Green and Jalen Ramsey ejected for fighting, Jaydon Mickens delivered the knockout blow by returning a punt 63 yards for a touchdown.

The Jaguars (5-3) won consecutive games for the first time in 13 months and were victorious at EverBank Field for the first time since last December.

Blake Bortles threw for 259 yards and a touchdown in another efficient performance. Marqise Lee had his first TD reception of the season and responded by punting the ball into the stands.

But most of the talk will center on Green and Ramsey.

Saints 30, Buccaneers 10

In New Orleans, the Saints extended their winning streak to six when Drew Brees completed 81.2 percent of his passes for 263 yards and two touchdowns.

The Buccaneers came in hoping to stem a four-game skid, but instead were not just beaten, but beaten up. Quarterback Jameis Winston left with shoulder soreness after the first half. Starting defensive end William Gholston was carted off the field with a neck injury. And tensions boiled over when Winston, after he had left the game, appeared to instigate a scuffle along the sideline.

Brees' touchdowns went for 33 yards to Alvin Kamara and 36 yards to Ted Ginn. Kamara, who also scored on a 6-yard run, did most of the work on his TD reception, thrilling the Superdome crowd with a waving, tackle-slipping run after his short catch.

Panthers 20, Falcons 17

In Charlotte, Cam Newton ran for 86 yards and a touchdown and the Panthers stormed back from an early 10-point deficit, then held on.

The Panthers spotted the Falcons 10 points before Newton and the ground game got rolling. Carolina ran for 201 yards, including a career-high 66 and a touchdown from rookie Christian McCaffrey.

The win kept the Panthers (6-3) a half-game behind the Saints in the NFC South. Atlanta is 4-4.

Devin Funchess had 86 yards on five catches in his first game as Carolina's No. 1 receiver after the team traded Kelvin Benjamin earlier in the week.

Matt Ryan, last year's NFL MVP, threw for 313 yards and two touchdowns and had one costly first-half interception for the defending NFC champions.

Rams 51, Giants 17

In East Rutherford, Jared Goff set career highs with four touchdown throws and 311 yards passing and Todd Gurley ran for two more scores for the surprising Rams.

The win was the fifth in six games for the Rams, whose 6-2 start is the franchise's best since 2001, when the club, then in St. Louis, went 14-2 in the regular season and eventually lost to the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

Los Angeles did everything right in remaining unbeaten in four road games, five if a "home" win in London is included. The Rams' high-powered offense showed no rust coming off the bye, scoring on eight of their first nine possessions. The defense forced three turnovers that the offense turned into 17 points and the special teams blocked a third-quarter punt that Gurley converted into his second TD.

Raiders 27, Dolphins 24

In Miami Gardens, Derek Carr threw for 300 yards and Oakland overcame two fluky plays that cost them possession to beat Miami.

Carr went 21 of 30 with one touchdown and one interception. He helped the Raiders convert 8 for 15 third downs.

The Dolphins recovered an onside kick and came up with a takeaway when Oakland fumbled twice on a single play, but failed to convert either opportunity into points. Oakland also overcame 10 penalties for 105 yards, including three for unnecessary roughness in the second quarter.

The Raiders' Marshawn Lynch, returning from one-game suspension for shoving an official, scored on a 22-yard run, his longest this year. He added another late score and finished with 57 yards on 14 carries.

Oakland (4-5) won for only the second time since Week 2. Miami (4-4) fell to .500 for the third time this season, and lost a close game for the first time in more than a year.

Titans 23, Ravens 20

In Nashville, Marcus Mariota threw for 218 yards and two touchdowns, and the Titans got their third straight victory.

Derrick Henry ran for a 1-yard TD. Safety Kevin Byard also intercepted two passes , giving the second-year pro five picks over his past two games.

The Titans (5-3) sacked Joe Flacco twice and scored 13 points off Byard's first interception and a shanked punt to stay atop the AFC South.

The Ravens (4-5) have lost three of four going into their bye, but they outgained Tennessee 341-257.

Flacco tried to rally the Ravens with two TD passes in the final 8:56, the last a 1-yard pass to Mike Wallace with 46 seconds left. But Justin Tucker's onside kick attempt didn't travel 10 yards, skittering almost sideways off the tee before being recovered by Titans linebacker Daren Bates.

Colts 20, Texans 14

In Houston, T.Y. Hilton had 175 yards receiving with two touchdowns to help the Colts halt a three-game skid by beating a Texans team that struggled without Deshaun Watson.

Jacoby Brissett threw for 308 yards filling in for Andrew Luck, who was placed on injured reserve Thursday and will miss the season after having shoulder surgery in January. Watson's stellar season ended that day, too, when the rookie tore the anterior cruciate ligament in one of his knees in practice.

Tom Savage, benched in the opener for Watson, couldn't move the offense for most of the game, but threw a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter to get Houston within six.

The Texans had a chance to win it late, but Savage was sacked by Jabaal Sheard and fumbled as time ran out.

With Watson running the offense, the Texans (3-5) had set a franchise record by scoring 30 or more points in five straight games.

Harden's career-high 56 lead Rockets past Jazz

HOUSTON (AP)—James Harden had just scored a career-high 56 points when he was asked if he knew he had fallen one point shy of the Houston Rockets' record.

Harden shrugged and replied, "We won, right?"

And they did it with Harden only playing 35 minutes in a 137-110 victory over the Utah Jazz on Sunday night that ran their Western Conference-best record to 8-3.

Harden fell just shy of Calvin Murphy's 57 points against New Jersey in 1978, but he joined Wilt Chamberlain as the only players in NBA history to have 10 assists and shoot better than 75 percent from the field in a 50-point performance.

Harden had 13 assists and shot a sizzling 76 percent from the floor, hitting 19 of 25 shots after missing his last three attempts. The MVP runner-up was a perfect 7 for 7 from beyond the arc until he missed a step-back 3-pointer midway through the fourth quarter as the shot clock was about to expire.

Even when the Jazz could deny Harden his shot, he dished it off for someone else to score. Eric Gordon scored 20 points, Trevor Ariza had 14 and Nene scored 13 off the bench.

"That was one of the best performances I've ever seen," Gordon said. "He was picking them apart and not just with scoring. What else can you do?"

Ariza had the answer to that: nothing.

"I don't think there's any defense for him, period," Ariza said. "When he's on, what can you do? Two people can't guard him when he's on like that."

Harden received a standing ovation from the Toyota Center crowd, which rained down "MVP! MVP!" chants at multiple points during the game. He had 22 points in both the first and third quarters, 30 at halftime and sat for the final 7:32 of the blowout.

Harden said he was unaware he was 8 for 8 in the first quarter and made his first 10 shots to start the game.

"I mean, I was just shooting, I don't really know," Harden said. "I don't pay too much attention to it."

AP

Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) lays up a shot past Utah Jazz center Ekpe Udoh (33) in the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, in Houston.

Hawks 117, Cavaliers 115

In Cleveland, Dennis Schroeder scored 28 points and injury-riddled Atlanta beat Cleveland to end an eight-game losing streak.

Missing five players, Atlanta won for the first time since topping Dallas in the season opener.

Cleveland's Kevin Love was taken to a hospital with an illness, Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue said without disclosing the problem. Love left in the third quarter.

Wizards 107, Raptors 96

In Toronto, Bradley Beal scored 38 points, Otto Porter Jr. had 19 and Washington overcame the absence of All-Star point guard John Wall to beat Toronto, winning for the second time in 11 meetings with the Raptors.

Marcin Gortat had 11 points and 12 rebounds, and Markieff Morris and Kelly Oubre Jr. each scored 10 points for the Wizards. Wall sat out because of a sprained left shoulder sustained Friday in a 130-122 loss to Cleveland. He is expected to return for Tuesday's home game against Dallas.

Trail Blazers 103, Thunder 99

In Portland, Damian Lillard had 36 points and 13 assists, Jusuf Nurkic added 25 points and Portland held off Oklahoma City.

Lillard, scoring at least 30 points in his fourth consecutive game, scored on a driving layup with 29.5 seconds to give the Blazers a 98-94 lead that the Thunder were unable to overcome.

Nurkic hit 11 of 15 shots and grabbed eight rebounds. C.J. McCollum made six 3-pointers and scored 22 points for the Blazers, who hit 50 percent from the floor (37 of 74).

Paul George topped the Thunder with 27 points. Russell Westbrook had 25 points and nine assists.

Knicks 108, Pacers 101

In New York, Kristaps Porzingis scored a career-high 40 points, carrying the New York Knicks back from a 19-point deficit to a 108-101 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Sunday night.

Porzingis added eight rebounds and six blocked shots in his seventh 30-point performance in nine games this season.

Rookie Frank Ntilikina made the tiebreaking 3-pointer with 1:34 remaining as the Knicks won for the fifth time in six games after an 0-3 start. He had 10 points and seven assists off the bench.

Lakers 107, Grizzlies 102

In Los Angeles, Brook Lopez scored 21 points, Brandon Ingram added 20 and Los Angeles blew most of a 22-point lead before hanging on for their third victory in four games.

Rookie Kyle Kuzma had 13 points and 12 rebounds in his second career start for the Lakers. They beat Memphis at Staples Center for the fourth straight time despite the Grizzlies' furious late rally.

Tyreke Evans scored 26 points and Mike Conley added 11 of his 23 in the fourth quarter for the Grizzlies, who trailed by 15 points with 5:18 to play before rallying.

Timberwolves 112, Hornets 94

In Minneapolis, Jeff Teague had 18 points and 12 assists and Minnesota beat Charlotte for its fifth straight victory.

Andrew Wiggins led Minnesota with 20 points, and Karl-Anthony Towns, Jimmy Butler, Gorgui Dieng and Jamal Crawford all reached double figures in scoring.

The Timberwolves moved to 7-3, just a half-game behind Houston for the top spot in the Western Conference. The last time Minnesota won five games in a row was Jan. 2-10, 2009.

Celtics 104, Magic 88

In Orlando, Jaylen Brown scored 18 points and Al Horford added 14 points and 10 rebounds to spark Boston to a victory over Orlando.

The Eastern Conference-leading Celtics (8-2) have won eight straight after beginning the season with back-to-back losses. Orlando (6-4), which was tied with the Celtics for the best record in the NBA coming into Friday night, has lost two straight.

Kyrie Irving struggled with his shot in the second half, but Marcus Morris, Marcus Smart, Brown and Horford carried Boston offensively. Morris had 12 points in his second game of the season, rookie Jayson Tatum finished with 13 and Smart contributed 11.

Heat 104, Clippers 101

In Los Angeles, James Johnson made two free throws with 8.7 seconds left and Miami recovered after blowing a 25-point lead, bouncing back to beat Los Angeles.

The Clippers began the fourth quarter with a 16-0 run and surged to take a 101-100 edge with 16.3 seconds left. They missed a chance to extend the lead when Austin Rivers missed two foul shots. Johnson put Miami ahead and, after Blake Griffin missed a 3-pointer, Josh Richardson added two more foul shots.

Spurs 112, Suns 95

In San Antonio, LaMarcus Aldridge scored 21 points and San Antonio rolled past Phoenix.

The Suns were held to 13 points in the third quarter, the lowest production by a Spurs opponent in any quarter this season. San Antonio won the period by 21 points, its largest point differential in the third quarter since 2012.

Patty Mills had 11 points in the third, going 3 for 3 on 3-pointers, and Aldridge had eight points to spark the decisive quarter. Mills finished with 17 points and Danny Green added 14.

Cueto decides to stay with Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Right-hander Johnny Cueto is staying with the San Francisco Giants.

Cueto had the option to opt out of his contract that runs through 2021. The team said Sunday the pitcher had decided to remain with the Giants.

The 31-year-old Cueto was hampered by injuries this season, going 8-8 with a 4.52 ERA in 25 starts. Manager Bruce Bochy and general manager Bobby Evans both had been optimistic that Cueto would stick around.

Cueto had the choice to leave after the second year of his $130 million, six-year contract he signed before the 2016 season.

"It's great to see Johnny wants to continue his career as a Giant," Bochy said by text message Sunday. "Considered one of the best starters in the game, we are glad that he will be helping us bounce back in 2018."

Left-hander Madison Bumgarner and Cueto make a tough 1-2 left-right punch at the top of the Giants' rotation.

Cueto dealt with what he called troublesome spots on three fingers—insisting they weren't true blisters —in July after previous issues before the season began and in May. As he worked his way back in late July in rehab games, he experienced forearm tightness and didn't pitch again until Sept. 1.

Bumgarner missed nearly three months following an April 20 dirt bike accident on an off day in Colorado.

"We have the makings of one of the best rotations in baseball still," Bochy said at season's end. "We took a pretty big hit with our 1-2 guys. The silver lining their workload was a lot lighter. I really expect those two to come back with a vengeance."

After high expectations coming out of spring training, San Francisco (64-98) finished last in the NL West and just avoided the franchise's first 100-loss season since 1985.

On Monday, the Giants plan to announce the hirings of former Athletics and Red Sox pitching coach Curt Young to replace longtime pitching coach Dave Righetti. Also on deck is new hitting coach Alonzo Powell, who was Houston's assistant hitting coach. Powell replaces Hensley Meulens, who has been promoted to bench coach.

SIS, ACS runners gear up for X-Country finals

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Runners from Saipan International School and Agape Christian School gear up for the grand finale of 2017 Northern Marianas Athletics All Schools Cross Country Series on Nov. 11 at the Saipan Country Club in Chalan Laulau.

Start time for the final race is tentatively set for 7am, but NMA secretary general Robin Sapong said that NMA development officer Eli Rangamar is still coordinating the time with SCC officials and they will immediately make the announcement as soon as it is finalized. Sapong also reminded all runners who finished the race in the first three legs held the Airport field that they qualified, too for Saturday's finals.

Tania Tan of SIS is expected to go all out after winning the last Oct. 28 event. She clocked 24:30 to enjoy a five-minute lead over ACS' Tiffany Yang (29:30). Kyra Kim, also of ACS, came in third with 36:02. The SIS runner is fresh from a 23rd place finish in last month's 2017 Asia Pacific Invitational Cross Country Championships in Guam where she registered a personal best of 23:18.4 or 43 seconds faster than the 24:01 she posted during NMA's second leg on Saipan.

ACS' Ella Zhang, who topped the second leg, chose not to run in last month's event, but is expected to challenge Tan for the girls U18 crown. She finished 35th in the Asia Pacific Invitational with a time of 24:48.40.

Malika Miyawaki also of SIS and ACS teammates Min Yu and Tianbo Zhang are the other runners that represented Team Marianas in the Guam race. They are expected to figure prominently in this weekend's finals.

Jonathan Xiong led Agape's 1-3 finish in the boys' U18 as he clocked in 14 seconds ahead (21:43) of SIS' Alex Park (21:57), while Dawei Cai was third with 22:26. The three also competed in Guam with Xiong placing 76th.

Marianas High School's Therize Millare led the girls' U15 finishers with 15:07, followed by SIS teammates Videl Allen (17:03) and Stella McCallion (17:04). There was an ACS sweep in the boys side with Paul Cao (15:37), Arthur Liang (15:50), and Bobby Bae (16:18) in the Top 3.

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Students compete in the U7 and U9 races during the last leg of the 2017 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series held late last month at the Airport Field.

It was another all-ACS show in the U13 age group with Faith Zuo (19:19), Elizabeth Xu (20:15), and Elvina Zhang (20:25) making up the Top 3 in the girls and Eric Chen (15:55), Samuel He (16:24), and Ray Qi (17:00) rounding out the podium finishers in the boys.

Eucon International School's Andrei Chavez led the Top 3 finishers in the girls' U11 class with a time of 8:36, followed by SIS' Dana Lee (9:00), and Cathy Woo (9:08). William S. Reyes Elementary School teammates Imtiaz Nadim (8:15) and Zhi Lin (8:17) and Mt. Carmel School's Kern Han (8:19) duplicated the feat in the boys U11 division.

Barbara Wang (ACS, 9:58), Maralicia Castro (WSR, 10:40), and Phoenix Gross (SIS, 12:17) were the Top 3 winners in the girls U9 division, while Kelly McCallion (SIS, 8:00), Alfred Baek (Saipan Community School, 8:46), and Yong Lim (ACS, 8:47) lorded it over in the boys U9.

The SCS pair of Elita Lee and Allie Brasuell crossed the finish line at the same time (12:32) in the girls U7 division, while Beatrice Gross came next at 12:48. Leinden Springer (9:45) and Jose Sablan (9:50) of SCS, and Oliver McCallion of SIS (10:18) were the Top 3 placers in the boys side.

Saipan Ultimate holds frisbee tourney this weekend

Saipan Ultimate will be having an ultimate frisbee contest dubbed as Saipan Land and Sand Hat Tournament on Nov. 11 and 12.

The land portion of the tournament will be held at Mariana Resort & Spa baseball field in Marpi this Saturday, starting at 8am, and the sand portion will be played at Fiesta Resort & Spa beach this Sunday, beginning at 9am.

The competition aims to encourage newcomers to learn more about the game of ultimate frisbee, improve their skills, and play a fun, competitive game. It is also an opportunity to play with off-island players. This year's event will bring together players from Guam, Hong Kong, China, and Russia.

Teams will be picked from several hats. Players will rank themselves based on experience and athleticism. Each hat will have players with similar experience/athleticism. Each team will have several players from each hat or level. This is to encourage evenly matched teams and ensure that everyone, from seasoned veterans to newcomers, will have a good time.

The tournament has excellent sponsors, including DFS Saipan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, The Shack, Fiesta Resort and Spa, Hyatt Saipan, Godfather's, Marianas Visitors Authority, Triple J, and IT&E. There will be prizes for the winning and most spirited teams as well as individual awards for most valuable player, most spirited player, and others.

Registration fee per player is $40 and each participant will get a custom designed Saipan Ultimate dryfit jersey, breakfast snacks, lunch both days, a party, and two awesome days of Ultimate Frisbee.

Please register online at www.hattournaments.com. For more information, contact Trey and Amanda Dunn at 287-1407 or email Dunn.Trey@gmail.com or SaipanUltimate@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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with three straight field goals.

Viray and Morales then continued to trade baskets for Ridhors in the second half to keep the squad's safe distance against White Haus.

Joining Ridhors to the next round is Black Mamba, which sealed a playoff berth after downing the Green Archers, 86-75.

Black Mamba is in second place in the team standings with its 7-2 slate, while the Green Archers are still winless in nine games and have been eliminated.

Alex Lauron and Mel Capalad powered Black Mamba past the Green Archers with the former firing a game-high 34 points and the latter contributing 26. Black Mamba led right from the get-go, making it hard for the Green Archers to enter the win column.

Second Game

Tropang Ridhors 89 — Viray 33, Morales 27, Dayrit 7, Guiab 6, Surima 4, Fernandez 4, Acosta 4.

White Haus 79 — Tabora 26, Barbo 17, Mateo 12, Ocampo 8, Quizon 6, Gracia 2, Nonato 2, Villasan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-19, 46-40, 68-56, 89-79.

Third Game

Black Mamba 86 — Lauron 34, Capalad 26, Brien 11, Ibanez 8, Echavez 3, William 2.

Green Archers 75 — Ferrer 21, Danipog 20, Tolentino 15, Enriquez 12, Mendiola 7.

Scoring by quarters: 20-11, 40-33, 68-56, 86-75.

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then found the back of the net a minute before the first half wrapped up to put MP United on top anew.

MP United's stay in the driver's seat did not last long as Lillian Podziewski got into the board in the 49th minute for the second standoff, while eight minutes later Magat gave Shirley's its first taste of the lead. The defending champion went on to keep its advantage, hanging tough on defense to foil MP United's bid for an upset.

In the second semis game, Kanoa left Southern United no room to operate and set up a surprise victory by hitting its target early. Sharmaine Francisco drew first blood for Kanoa with her shot in the 12th minute, while Paulyn Grace Joyce made it a 2-0 lead in the 23rd minute.

Another goal from Francisco just two minutes into the second half widened the gap, 3-0, while Joyce also got her second goal in the 40th minute before Southern United finally lit up the board in the 55th to avert a shutout loss. Joyce went on to complete a hat trick with her shot in the 69th minute.

BOYS U17
MP United 4, TanHoldings 0

MP United formalized its claim to the boys U17 division title after beating TanHoldings last Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

MP United improved to an 8-1-0 win-draw-loss record with one game left in the season. The eventual champion is ahead by three victories against TanHoldings (5-2-2) and two over Matansa (6-0-3).

Dai Podziewski, Oliver Lee, Anthony Fruit, and Johan Pohl scored in MP United's eighth win.

Matansa 7, NDA 2

Matansa routed the National Development Academy to move back to the No. 2 spot in the team standings.

Louie Calayag scored three goals, while Lolobeyong Benito added two, and Brandon Delos Reyes and Jeffrey Seo chipped in one each. NDA (2-0-7) drew its pair of goals from Ryan Relucio and Gillian Villagomez.

Kanoa 5, Paire 1

Kanoa got its second victory after topping Paire.

Ian Maniago registered two goals for Kanoa (2-1-6), which got one apiece from Merrick Toves, Jim Maniago, and Kirt Andon. Rex De Jose posted the lone goal for Paire (2-0-7).

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half with Li. Also, I'm fighting at 155lbs, where I'm bigger and stronger," said Camacho in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Sunday.

Camacho's camp also studied some of Brown's moves in his previous fights to better prepare against the Australian fighter.

"[Brown] is a super hard worker and grinder. One thing that he brings in to the cage is a big gas tank and durability. He is tough," said Camacho.

This will be Brown's third time to fight in front of his hometown crowd after his split decision win against Jon Tuck of Guam (10-4, 4 KOs, 4-4 UFC) in UFC Fight Night 101 at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne last year.

Although Camacho admits feeling the pressure of facing a partisan crowd in the Land Down Under, he has grown accustomed to it and learned how to control his emotions inside the octagon.

"There's always pressure in any competitive sport. Over the years, I've been able to channel the pressure into the proper preparation and hard training to get ready for each fight. The goal is always to be the winner. I will give it my heart and soul every fight. As long as I do my job and what I've been working on day in and day out, I'm confident in having my hands raised," he said.

Camacho added he is thankful to his team for helping him prepare for his second UFC fight.

"Every opportunity I have to represent my home islands is a blessing. I take it for what it is. I've worked hard to get here, I got to work harder to stay and climb the ranks. I'm blessed and fortunate to have a great team around me. My [mixed martial arts] team, Steel Athletics/Spike 22; my jiu-jitsu team, Purebred; home team, Trench Tech; Steve Oshiro for strength and conditioning, my wife, my family, and friends. I can't ask for better people around me," he said.

Camacho said his wife Sarah will be joining his team to Australia and they are expected to be flown directly to Sydney by UFC one week before the fight.

"To acclimatize ourselves, do press events, and get ready for the fight. We are in the same time zone so we are good to go. No huge or drastic change," he said.

He then thanked all his fans for the love and support they've shown on social media.

"And for the handshakes at every store. It really motivates me and reminds me of the fighting spirit that I represent. I fly our flags high and always fight to my best ability. I'm prepared. I'm ready. I'm focused. I cannot wait to let these Chamorro islands fly high on Nov. 19," Camacho said.

The Camacho-Brown fight will open up an 11-bout card that features former world heavyweight champions Marcin Tybura (16-2, 7 knockouts) of Poland and Brazilian Fabricio Werdum (22-7, 6 KOs) in the main event.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	8	2	.800	—
Toronto	5	4	.556	2½
New York	5	4	.556	2½
Philadelphia	5	4	.556	2½
Brooklyn	3	6	.333	4½

Southeast Division

Orlando	6	4	.600	—
Washington	5	4	.556	½
Charlotte	5	5	.500	1
Miami	4	5	.444	1½
Atlanta	2	8	.200	4

Central Division

Detroit	7	3	.700	—
Indiana	5	5	.500	2
Milwaukee	4	5	.444	2½
Cleveland	4	6	.400	3
Chicago	2	6	.250	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Houston	8	3	.727	—
Memphis	6	4	.600	1½
San Antonio	6	4	.600	1½
New Orleans	5	5	.500	2½
Dallas	1	10	.091	7

Northwest Division

Minnesota	7	3	.700	—
Portland	6	4	.600	1
Utah	5	5	.500	2
Denver	5	5	.500	2
Oklahoma City	4	5	.444	2½

Pacific Division

Golden State	7	3	.700	—
L.A. Clippers	5	4	.556	1½
L.A. Lakers	5	5	.500	2
Phoenix	4	6	.400	3
Sacramento	1	8	.111	5½

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3rd Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament

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3rd Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament champion Nick Sablan, fourth left, poses with organizers of the double peoria competition during the award's ceremony last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), sixth left, joins a group of golfers for a photo.

Carl Hocog, center, shows his closest to the pin (No. 15) prizes.

Former Lt. Gov. Diego Benaventer, center, smiles after getting his longest drive award.

Ed Manglona, center, receives his third place and closest to the pin (No. 6) prizes.

Ryan Kim, second left, is awarded $200 for his closest to the pin shot at No. 4.

Prescil Azarcon, fourth left, gets his runner-up prizes.

Junior golfer Edward Lee, center, receives the closest to the pin award at No. 11.

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Kanoa vs Shirley's in finale

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Shirley's Football Club and Kanoa FC took separate routes to the finals of the girls U15 division of the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League.

Kanoa FC eased its way to the title match against Shirley's after dominating Southern United FC, 5-1 in the second semis game at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field last Saturday. In the first Final Four tiff, Shirley's labored a 3-2 victory over MP United FC to remain on track for its sixth straight division championship. Shirley's and Kanoa will dispute the U15 crown this Saturday at 1pm.

Katherine Magat drilled the go-ahead goal for Shirley's in the 57th minute, completing the come-from-behind win after the squad faced a 1-2 deficit at the break.

MP United threatened to hand Shirley's its first loss this season after getting one goal each from Fiona Marielle Bucalig and Maury Zon Tybaco. Bucalig broke the ice for MP United with her conversion in the 19th minute, while a goal from Therize Millare six minutes later forced the first deadlock of the game. Tybaco

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Kanoa Football Club's Sharmaine Francisco, right, tries to prevent a Southern United FC player from stealing the ball during the second half of their semis game in the girls U15 division of the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field last Saturday.

Ridhors, Black Mamba secure playoff berths

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Ken Viray reported back for duty, towing Tropang Ridhors to an 89-79 victory over White Haus in the second game in the 2nd Ali'i Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Viray, who was absent in Ridhors' 76-80 loss to Green Minded last Wednesday, exploded for 33 points in his return, helping his team secure a playoff berth in the 12-squad field. Ridhors is done in the elimination round, holding a 7-4 record for third place in the team standings. Only the Top 8 squads after the round-robin regular season will move to the playoffs.

John Paul Morales supported Viray, adding 29 markers. The two guards teamed up in bringing Ridhors back into the match after White Haus threatened a breakaway, leading by 12 early in the second quarter, 37-25.

The second canto began with Ridhors on top, 23-19, before White Haus spread the wealth and went on a 16-2 scoring run in the first five minutes of that period. Ridhors sued for time to prevent White Haus from causing further damage and when the game resumed, the former countered with its own rally. Morales and Viray combined for 10 points in the 15-1 surge to put Ridhors on the driver's seat anew, 40-38, and the lead increased to 6, 46-40, as the latter closed out the first half

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Tropang Ridhors' Ken Viray, right, goes up for an acrobatic shot against White Haus' Darwin Barbo during the second quarter of their game in the IT&E-sponsored Ali'i Blue Haus caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Better prepared 'Crank' eyes UFC win

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REPORTER

Frank "The Crank" Camacho is in the final two weeks of training and preparation for his upcoming bout against Australian Damien Brown in UFC Fight Night 121.

This will be Camacho's second UFC fight after serving as the last-minute replacement foe of China's Jingliang "The Leech" Li (13-4, 4 knockouts) in UFC Fight Night 111 held last June 17. He lost his UFC debut at the Singapore Indoor Stadium in Singapore and is hoping to bounce back when he duels Brown on Nov. 19 at the Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney, Australia.

Camacho (20-5, 15 KOs) said this time he's better prepared when he goes up against Brown (17-10, 3 KOs, 2-2 UFC), who is coming off a loss to American Vinc Pichel (10-1, 8 KOs) in UFC Fight Night 111 last June 10 at the Vector Arena in Auckland, New Zealand. The Marianas pride has been training all year long, but went into an intense training camp for two months in preparation for his second time of entering the UFC octagon.

"I have six to eight weeks of preparation leading into this bout against the week-and-a-

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho works with the bag during a training session for his UFC debut. Camacho will be making his second UFO appearance on Nov. 19 when he takes on Damien Brown in UFC Fight Night 121 in Sydney, Australia.